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CRUDE SHOCK AS U.S. ENDS SANCTION WAIVER FOR INDIA

Oil prices soar

Brent crude futures rose 3% to $74.31 a barrel on Monday, the highest level since November 2018. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose 2.7% to $65.71 after hitting $65.87, its highest level since October 2018

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@ New Delhi

THE Trump administration said on Monday it would end sanction waivers granted to India, China and six other countries that import Iranian oil. The US fiat means these countries cannot buy crude from Iran after May 2, when the exemption expires. This may hit India's oil bill as crude prices could rise as much as 10 per cent.

A costlier oil bill could impact the prices of almost all commodities as trucking and production costs rise in tandem with fuel price. However, the shock will not be felt immediately as India's fuel costs are decided by oil marketing companies such as Indian Oil, which have already contracted most of their purchases till the middle of this year at fixed rates.

"Prices will take time in going up in India but unless the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ramp up production, global crude prices can be expected to go up," said Prof M Govinda Rao, former Member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

A US State Department statement on ending the waivers said, "The United States, Saudi Arabia and UAE... are committed that global oil markets remain adequately supplied." Last November, the State Department issued 180-day waivers to eight countries including India, China and Japan to give them more time to find alternative sources of oil.

The Sensex fell 495.10 points on Monday as markets reacted to news that US waivers were to end. P13

IRAN, TURKEY TO DEFY TRUMP DIKTAT

- Apart from India, the US decision will also affect China, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan
- Denouncing the US sanctions, Iran said, "Since the sanctions in question are principally illegal... Iran does not attach any value or credibility to the waivers given to the sanctions"
- India hasn't officially reacted, but sources said the government is looking at alternative options to source oil. Meanwhile, Turkey said it would defy the US diktat. "We do not accept unilateral sanctions and impositions on the issue of how we will establish relations with our neighbours," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said

$71.11

INDIA'S AVERAGE PRICE FOR CRUDE PURCHASES AS ON APRIL 19, 2019

Saudi Arabia and others in OPEC will more than make up the Oil Flow difference in our now Full Sanctions on Iranian Oil

Donald Trump, US President

FIVE JDS WORKERS ON POST-POLL HOLIDAY KILLED IN LANKA BLASTS

Bengaluru bizman among dead; Karnataka toll goes up to 7; CM grieves for lives lost

DECEASED FROM STATE

H SHIVAKUMAR alias Govenahalli Shivanna, resident of Subhash Nagar in Nelamangala Town.

HANUMANTHARAYAPPA of Dasarahalli in Peenya

M RANGAPPA of Vidyaranyapura

K M LAKSHMINARAYANA of Nelamangala Town

LAKSHMANA GOWDA RAMESH of Tumakuru

S R NAGARAJ ALIAS NAGARAJ REDDY of BTM Layout in Bengaluru

RAZEENA KHADER KUKKADY (Sri Lankan citizen, with ties to Karnataka)

MISSING
Puttaraju, Maregowda

INJURED
Purushotham Reddy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IT was supposed to be a quick vacation, a reward for having completed the grind of the Lok Sabha elections. For four Janata Dal (Secular) workers and a party supporter, however, the serial blasts in Sri Lanka, meant an abrupt end to their lives instead.

The workers hailed from Bengaluru while the fifth, L Ramesh, was a businessman in Tumakuru, who had recently canvassed for JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda.

Another victim of the blasts is Nagaraj Reddy, a businessman from Bengaluru who had travelled to Colombo to receive an honorary doctorate.

This takes the total toll of people from the state to 7, including 58-year-old Razeena Khader Kukkady, who hailed from Surathkal and had settled in Sri Lanka.

Two are missing and one person is injured and recovering at a hospital in Colombo.

In a tweet on Monday, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy expressed shock and grief about the death of his party workers. He confirmed the names of the deceased workers as K G Hanumnatarayappa, the president of Matrushree Developers, Govenahalli Shivanna, the founder of Harsha Hospital and Harsha School in Nelamangala, K M Lakshminarayana, panchayat member and M Rangappa, a developer from Vidyaranyapura.

"All of them looked so happy and they sent us pictures of the flight around 2 am on Saturday. On Sunday morning, my uncle messaged us saying he was headed for breakfast and would call later. This was his last call to us," said Shivanna, a relative of Hanumantarayappa. The group checked into the hotel around 8am on Sunday.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express,* Shivakumar, the brother-in-law of Shivanna, said, "They had gone on a four-day trip and were due to return on Wednesday."

Maregowda and Puttaraju, both developers and JDS workers, are said to be missing and the families have left for Sri Lanka to look for their loved ones. The six-member team of workers were joined by Ramesh for the trip. Maregowda and Puttaraju stepped out of the hotel as they did not want to have the buffet breakfast and this might have saved their lives. They are yet to be tracked down.

Meanwhile, 53-year-old businessman Nagaraj Reddy, who had gone to Sri Lanka to receive an honorary doctorate, was having breakfast at Kingsbury hotel along with his relative Purushottam Reddy when the blast took his life. Purushotham is recovering at a hospital in Colombo and will return on Wednesday.

The state government has appointed Anjum Parvez, Principal Secretary of DPAR, as the nodal officer to coordinate with the Indian Embassy in Sri Lanka. "The Indian Embassy will provide information on the other two missing persons as soon as it is received," the Chief Secretary said.

'LUCKY' BALLARI MAN RECALLS HORROR

Ballari: Rajashekar Meti, who hails from Ballari district, had a narrow escape when the blast took place at the Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo on Sunday. Speaking to *TNIE* over phone from Colombo, Meti said, "Me and my friends wanted to take a stroll around the city after breakfast. We heard a loud noise just when we stepped out of our hotel." P5

INSIDE

TERROR DEVASTATES FAMILIES P5
'MY FATHER SPOKE TO US MINUTES BEFORE BLAST' P5

A woman runs for safety with her infant after police found explosives in a vehicle in Colombo | AP

Suicide bombers were Lankan nationals: Govt

Toll in serial blasts touches 290; 24 arrested so far

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE toll in the Sri Lanka terror attack rose to 290, with at least eight Indians confirmed dead in the Easter Sunday blasts. While no outfit has claimed responsibility for the attacks yet, the Lankan government blamed it on the National Thowheed Jamath (NTJ), a homegrown a radical Islamic outfit, adding it possibly had "international support".The government on Monday ordered a judicial probe and clamped internal emergency across the country.

At least 37 foreigners were among the dead in the blasts that targeted churches and luxury hotels. Danish billionaire Holch Povlsen, the country's richest man, lost three of his four children. His family, too, was in Lanka on a holiday.

Government spokesman Rajitha Senaratne said all seven suicide bombers involved in the blasts were Sri Lankan nationals. And the president's office cited intelligence inputs to point fingers at international terror groups aiding the Jamath.

With anger growing over the failure to take preventive action despite intelligence alert on NTJ, a minister openly demanded the police chief's resignation.

Tensions remained high on Monday, with a bomb detonating as the police prepared to defuse it near one of the churches targeted on Sunday. Police also found as many as 87 bomb detonators at the Central Colombo bus station in Pettah area — the capital's ever-crowded business district.

So far, 24 people have been arrested. A safe house for the bombers was found in the Colombo suburb of Panadura. FULL COVERAGE: P11

THE RADICAL FOOTPRINT

Little is known about the National Thowheed Jamath, a group previously linked to vandalising Buddhist statues. It is believed to be a splinter of another hardline outfit, the Sri Lanka Thowheed Jamath (SLTJ). SLTJ secretary Abdul Razik was arrested in 2016 for inciting hatred against Buddhists

BOMBER'S FAMILY DEAD

The wife and sister of the Shangri-La suicide bomber were also killed in a separate blast after a man blew himself up in a two-storey building in northern Colombo — the eighth blast on Sunday. The Shangri-La bomber has been identified as Insan Seelavan, a factory owner

PHASE 3 POLLS

13 states and 2 Union Territories are going to polls on Tuesday to elect representatives on

116 seats

STATES
- Gujarat
- Kerala
- Maharashtra
- Karnataka
- Uttar Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh
- Odisha
- Goa
- West Bengal
- Bihar
- Assam
- Jammu & Kashmir
- Tripura

UNION TERRITORIES
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- Daman and Diu

The Modi wave arrives five years late?

BJP hopes to max its gains in North K'taka's 14 seats, but unlike in fratricidal south, it's a straight fight with Cong

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA

DEEP inside Gulbarga district, in a village between Wadi and Rawoor, Girappa and Basappa, father and son and dual owners of a kirana shop, are engaged in a sparring match. Old man Girappa, attired in his traditional dhoti-kurta and turban, speaks with the charmingly petulant conviction of age. Closing his eyes, as if to an advancing new reality, he declaims that his vote is for the grand old party -- that which "always wins here"!

Rudely interrupting him from the other end of the shop, shoving aside rows of colourful tobacco, shampoo and washing powder packets strung in front the shop, Basappa pops in his head. "Don't listen to my father, he knows nothing. We're Lingayat, and we'll vote for the BJP." A shrill battle of words ensues between the two -- the election well could have been between the two! -- and ends with the father declaring in a resigned tone, "How does it matter if Basappa is my son, he can go wherever he wants!"

This could be the zoom-in microcosmic portrait of the elections in North Karnataka -- the tussle over the Lingayat vote. Its consolidation is something the BJP has worked hard for in this election -- its unity is what had been the bulwark for the party in its earlier wins too. Ever since their fellow caste man B.S. Yeddyurappa's emergence, the Lingayats have leant towards the BJP in a big way. Siddaramaiah's gambit of dividing the Veershaiva-Lingayat community by according them a separate identity is alleged to have been a non-starter in the last assembly elections -- it certainly created bad blood. Maybe there's a counter-narrative, but it's not audible. No one is uttering even a word on it this time round. Even the muttadhipatis have retired into their spiritual sanctuaries, away from the rough and tumble of elections. No visits from Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi to Anubhava Mantapa, Bidar, unlike in 2018.

Karnataka is perhaps the only state in the country where the regional nomenclature carries the stamp of other states -- the North is divided between 'Bombay Karnataka' and 'Hyderabad Karnataka' -- a reminder of old historical maps. Gulbarga (or Kalaburagi), the heart of Hyderabad Karnataka, was once part of the Nizam's dominions. Its distinct ethnic flavours mean a mere consolidation of the Lingayat vote will not suffice to deliver the North to the BJP. The party is aware of that and is therefore working to penetrate other, smaller caste and regional vote-blocs -- like the Marathas in the Bidar-Belgaum belt as also Brahmin and Rathore votes.

The effects of the strategy are visible on the ground, from the roadside tea-stalls to the village chaupals. Mahesh Kulkarni, who like many other farmers in his village grows mostly toor dal and chickpeas (this is India's pulse belt), is a Maratha who has been assimilated into Karnataka's polyglottic landscape.

As for his vote, Mahesh has little doubt that he and the rest of his village is voting for Modi. No matter how inefficient the BJP candidate has been, "Our vote is for nationalism," he notes, adding that "Modi is international now!" Whatever that means -- perhaps that the PM has managed to get international attention to the India-Pakistan problem through the air strikes. No matter how much Yashwant Sinha grimaces in his interviews about how Modi's foreign policy has taken India back to the stage where it's again fated to live a hyphenated existence with Pakistan on the global stage, the voters on the ground think otherwise. P6

Rahul says sorry to SC over Rafale gaffe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

CONGRESS chief Rahul Gandhi on Monday expressed regret over incorrectly attributing his political slogan 'Chowkidar chor hai' to the Supreme Court. The court had directed Gandhi to give his explanation by April 22 on a petition filed by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi seeking criminal contempt action against him for his remarks.

His affidavit said, "The Respondent did not have the slightest or remotest intention to bring the court into the political arena or bring it into disrepute or attribute to it deliberately or wilfully that which the court had not said or meant."

He stated the statements were made in Hindi in a rhetorical flourish in the heat of the moment. He said, "It is also clear no court would ever do that and hence the unfortunate references (for which I express regret) to the court order and to the political slogan in juxtaposition the same breath in the heat of political campaigning ought not to be construed as suggesting that the court had given any finding or conclusion on that issue."

A bench is expected to hear the case on Tuesday.

'RAHUL'S PAPERS VALID'

Amethi RO on Monday set aside objections on Rahul Gandhi's nomination filed for the seat and held it valid after scrutinising charges of discrepancies over citizenship and other issues.

WAR OF WORDS

In Amethi, it is Priyanka and Smriti's shoe of strength!

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Amethi

That politicians are stooping low this poll season is no news. But in Amethi, the war of words hit a nadir with a bit of footwear thrown in between.

Sparring took such a turn that Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani, who's contesting against Congress chief Rahul Gandhi in Amethi, not only called his sister and the party's general secretary (UP, East) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra 'dramebaaz', but also cautioned her against competing with her (Smriti's) on acting skills.

Priyanka has been looking after both the Lok Sabha seats of Amethi and Rae Bareli for her brother Rahul and mother Sonia Gandhi, from before the time she joined active politics.

Priyanka went ballistic after Smriti distributed footwear in Amethi to prove the point that the constituency was so neglected and backward that the voters can't even afford shoes to wear.

(Left) Priyanka Gandhi & Smriti Irani

Not one to be taking the slight lying down an unusually angry Priyanka told the recipients of Smriti's 'shoe largesse' at a roadside meeting, that the people of Amethi and Rae Bareli were not "beggars" that they had "self-respect" , does not need 'shoey gifts' from an "outsider".

"If anyone has to beg, it is them (BJP), who will beg for your votes," a visibly agitated Priyanka told the voters. "Go, tell them that the people of Amethi and Rae Bareli support those who stand amidst them," she added.

Not to be cowed down, the actor-turned-politician later quipped: "I have been an actor and it would be better if Priyanka Gandhi does not stage a drama."

Smriti, who had lost to Rahul Gandhi in Amethi in 2014, is again hoping to breach the Gandhi family bastion this polls.

"If she (Priyanka) has even an iota of shame and humanity, she should visit Hariharpur and see the truth for herself. But for going to Hariharpur, she has to first ask the missing MP (Rahul) about its location," Smriti said.

EXPRESS READ

Opposition pact possibility over as Congress names Delhi candidates

Delhi: With the announcement of its list of candidates, the Congress has decided to go solo in Delhi, drawing curtains on the possibility of an alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party. Delhi will now witness a three-cornered fight, as the AAP has already named all its candidates, and the BJP is ready for battle. Ex-CM Sheila Dikshit has been nominated from northeast Delhi constituency, where she will be facing AAP's Dilip Pandey and incumbent BJP MP Manoj Tiwari.

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Tuesday** 23/04/2019 • **Year:** Vikari • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chathurthi 01.05 pm • **Nakshatra:** Jyeshta 07.19 pm • Moon in Vruchika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 23°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST
Rain showers. Morning clouds.

Sunrise	06.03 am
Sunset	06.33 pm
Moonrise	10.21 pm
Moonset	09.12 am

Saytrees, a voluntary group, planted saplings last year which have now grown into 10ft tall trees | EXPRESS

Govt schoolchildren tend to Miyawaki forest on campus

Plantation involves Japanese technique leading to fast growth

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

ON World Earth Day, there was a hearty celebration for children of Hennagara Government High School in Hennagara village. They celebrated the first birthday of their Miyawaki forest -- 5,500 trees planted over half an acre of area in the school last year.

The saplings, planted by Saytrees, a voluntary group, have grown into 10ft tall trees, making the area look like a mini forest.

Eighty species of plants, like neem, jamun, silk, cotton, banyan, amla, peepul, guava, bamboo, honge and many more were planted, to create a Japanese Miyawaki forest. "A Miyawaki plantation involves planting of native species close to each other randomly on the forest bed, ensuring that no two similar varieties are adjacent to each other. Soil testing is done to provide organic nutrition -- we add biomass to the soil which is loosened up to a depth of 1 metre. Biomass like cocopeat, rice husk, cow dung or anything locally available is mixed with the soil to create the forest bed. This creates a micro climate which promotes healthy competition among saplings, leading to faster growth," said Durgesh Agrahare, head of Partnership and Project at Saytrees.

The forest needs continuous maintenance, like watering, removing weeds and adding nutrients to help the plants grow into healthy trees.

The forest on the government school campus attracts many children and has become an add-on study class. Teachers and Saytrees volunteers are teaching the students about different species of plants and their maintenance. Students also take the initiative to water the plants.

"The children are very happy to see the forest which has grown in no time. That is the speciality of the Miywaki technique. A 100-year-old forest grows in just 10 years," said Agrahare.

A clean-up drive was also taken up as part of World Earth Day, with 25 volunteers clearing up trash in the forests.

So far, Saytrees has planted over 50,000 saplings using the Miyawaki method, and aims to plant another 5,00,000 saplings using the same technique in 2019.

Women's group comes together to battle plastic

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IN Malleswaram, a group of 15 women are spreading awareness among locals not to use plastic. The group, called Malleswaram Social, which calls itself a community which cares for society, is going to different stores like clothing, grocery, stationery and others, and asking shop owners not to give plastic covers to customers. They are also talking to them about the ill-effects of the use of plastic.

To curb plastic usage, the group made posters and handed them out to many store owners on Malleswaram 8th Cross, which read, "Our stores don't use plastic bags, don't ask for them".

The women also gave away paper covers and handmade cloth bags.

"We got out old bedsheets and clothes which are of no use, and made cloth bags out of them. We have also linked up with an NGO whi ch makes paper covers, and are picking up covers from them and giving them away to vendors. Cloth bags are also given to vendors for free. But where vendors are giving cloth bags to the people, we have asked them to charge the customers so that next time they bring their own bags," said Upasana Narang, member of Malleswaram Social.

So far, more than 100 paper covers and over 50 cloth bags were distributed. An 82-year-old resident Saraswati, has was also part of the awareness rally, makes paper covers by herself at home, and distributes them to the vendors.

Members of Malleswaram Social go around urging members not to use plastic

GOING GREEN ON EARTH DAY

■ A group of 15 children from Marathahalli carried out a plog run, picking up waste in their locality. They collected bottles, wrappers, sachets, etc. The children hope to carry more such plog runs in their summer holidays, and are bringing awareness of the 4Rs -- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rejoice.

■ A community policing group from RR Nagar, in association with the Karnataka forest department, planted over 1,500 seeds in Turahalli forest.

Jet Airways employees stage a protest at Town Hall, asking the government to help save the airline, in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

Over 300 Jet staffers stage protest in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

OVER three hundred employees ranging from cabin crew to cockpit crew, engineering and catering departments, members of cabin appearance and guess delight members from the Bengaluru base Jet Airways (9W) joined hands and staged a protest at the Town Hall on Monday asking the government to keep the airlines afloat.

Many of the members held placards stating, 'Save our family, save Jet Airways', 'Hear our cry let 9W fly', and many more. The protest was held after the airlines suspended its flight operations as the airline failed to get funding for maintains or even operating the flights from lenders.

Dhiraj Ratlani, Cabin Crew Manager, said, "Without salaries , we can't do anything. It's been two to three months since we got paid. We had hopes till our chairman was there but after he resigned we have lost all hope. We are all tax payers and expect the government to save us."

Harish Shenoy, General Manager of Jet Airways said, "Bengaluru is the third biggest base of the Jet Airways and has about 500 employees here. We are protesting so that the government listens to our woes. We've been in operation for the past 27 years and have given great service to our passengers. We are confident that the management will revive the airlines but government support is a must."

> Air India announced that as a goodwill gesture it will offer special fares to Jet Airways customers on its flights to foreign destinations wherever it operated up to April 28. Details can be obtained from the nearest Air India booking office or its customer care centre, it said in an official tweet.

FAST-GROWING

KIA reaches new heights with over 33 million passengers last year

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Kempegwoda International Airport (KIA) on Monday released the data of Bengaluru International Airport for 2018-19. The airport reported a growth in passenger traffic, with the figure reaching 33.30 million passengers, compared to previous year's 26.91 million. Of this, 28.80 million were domestic passengers, while 4.48 million were international travellers. Passenger traffic registered a 23.8% growth in the 2018-19 financial year, compared to the previous fiscal year.

The airport, considered as one of the fastest growing airports in the world, has witnessed an exponential growth in passenger traffic. The BIAL – operator of the airport – has undertaken ₹13,000 crore capacity expansion to cater to the long-term demands of the aviation market in India. This includes the first-phase construction of a 255,000-sqm Terminal 2, an advanced Cat-IIIB Code-F Capable Runway and a landside expansion, which is expected to give the airport a substantial capacity boost, once ready.

"Until the first phase of the new terminal is ready in 2021, BIAL will continue to make technology enhancements to ease congestion," a release stated.

Hari Marar, MD & CEO of BIAL, said that creating a smooth and pleasant travel experience for passengers remains his top priority. "Passengers at KIA have come to associate our airport with a high quality travel experience. Maintaining this experience poses a challenge, given the growth in passenger volumes we are currently witnessing. However, with careful hourly capacity management and investment in new technology, BIAL is committed to provide this to the best of our ability."

"Meanwhile, work on the second runway and terminal, as well as other supporting infrastructure is on at full throttle. All this will provide the airport sufficient capacity to meet the demand over the next decade," Marar added.

Soaring high

KIA registers **23.8%** growth compared to 2017-18

Records **33.30** million passengers financial year 2018-19

1,09,174 was the single-day PAX record, reported on January 20, 2019

Average Air Traffic Movements per day is **658**

11% growth in cargo

■ Domestic traffic the main driver of growth, accounting for **28.82** million passengers. This is an upswing of **24.8%** over last fiscal's **23.09** million

EXPRESS READ

IIMB ranked 12 in APAC

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) which ranked No 1 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released by Ministry of Human Resource Development recently, is now ranked 12th in the Asia Pacific Accreditation Corporation (APAC) and 51st globally in QS executive MBA rankings 2019. With the announcement, IIMB has become the only B-school in India to be a part of top 100 B-Schools globally and top 16 in APAC, for the second consecutive year, says an official release by IIMB.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd April: The Moon is now moving into an imaginative, visionary region. Normally that means that we all have an excuse to kick over the traces, establish new structures and wave farewell to the past. This time I'm not so sure. I have a feeling that we should focus on practical matters for a little while longer.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you're handling money on behalf of others, you'll be making good progress. However, in all spheres of life, events may work out very differently from what you intended. Patience is to be cultivated in all things. Even more than that, you need to pay exact attention to every single detail.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Life should still be bouncing along thanks to the beneficent impact of the graceful planet Venus. You may even have the strength to recover from a recent emotional clash, repairing the damage that was done to an important friendship. You're changing your mind, and partners will just have to wait until you're ready.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's a great deal of activity behind the scenes and you may be keeping your feelings very much to yourself. However, you'll be more than happy to talk about superficial developments and casual arrangements. And more than eager to benefit from partners' generosity!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This is not a period to rely on your normal routine, and you must expect prior engagements to become irrelevant or even be cancelled. By all means try and force the pace, but realise that you may alienate colleagues if you push too hard. A little flattery could win them over.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Lively planetary aspects bring restless conditions, although you will still be perplexed by a series of statements or actions that are difficult to explain. Even unlikely events may shake you out of a rut. But, then, perhaps you rather like your rut!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Friends and partners may hold the centre stage, and interesting events may affect you in a pleasant, if indirect, manner. Delays early on will be compensated for by dramatic happenings over the next few days. You're still facing delays, but with every day that passes, easier times come closer.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Financial affairs are strangely unpredictable today, although Venus is still on your side as far as joint arrangements are concerned. Nobody will get the better of you when it comes to striking a deal. But then you've still got a couple of trump cards ready.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The accent is on financial affairs and there are signs of constructive movement. However, news received at different times may be contradictory - and might make it rather difficult for you to take decisions. You'll have some fine judgments to make, but I know you'll do it right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Nothing is ever as clear as you hoped, but you're used to that by now. You may find it impossible to rely on life following its usual orderly pattern. If arrangements are broken, leaving you high and dry, you must be perfectly aware that nobody is getting at you personally.

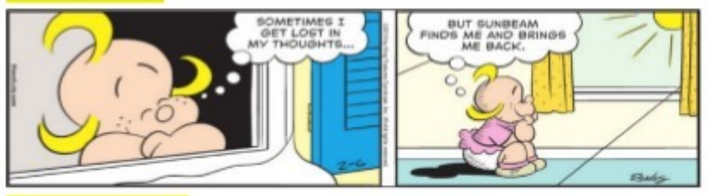
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Personal and professional pressures dovetail in a way which is difficult to pin down. If your work is connected to family or domestic affairs, not necessarily your own, expect interesting developments. All of you will be affected by emotional ups and downs which may cause you to question your accepted routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There'll be movement on family issues quite soon. This week marks a turning point which will help you get your priorities into a better perspective. In addition, your responsibilities are accumulating, perhaps cutting down on your free time, but opening the way to fresh opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Financial affairs are looking erratic, partly because you'll be ruled by your heart rather than your head. Fears of a loss will prove unfounded, as long as you take the utmost care in all cash transactions. If you look the other way for just a moment you may find that you've slipped up.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS



BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

"TELL YOUR MOTHER THAT IF SHE GIVES US THE $10,000 TO RENOVATE THE HOUSE, WE'LL NAME A ROOM AFTER HER."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"AND TRY NOT TO ANNOY MR. WILSON... HE MIGHT SEND YOU HOME... HEAVEN FORBID!"

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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	5				7			
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EVIL

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

■ Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzles

6	9	5	7	2	8	3	1	4
2	4	8	1	3	9	7	5	6
1	7	3	6	4	5	2	9	8
5	3	9	2	6	4	1	8	7
8	2	4	9	1	7	5	6	3
7	6	1	5	8	3	9	4	2
4	8	7	3	5	1	6	2	9
3	5	2	4	9	6	8	7	1
9	1	6	8	7	2	4	3	5

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZWTAL

BAYTB

OIYICD

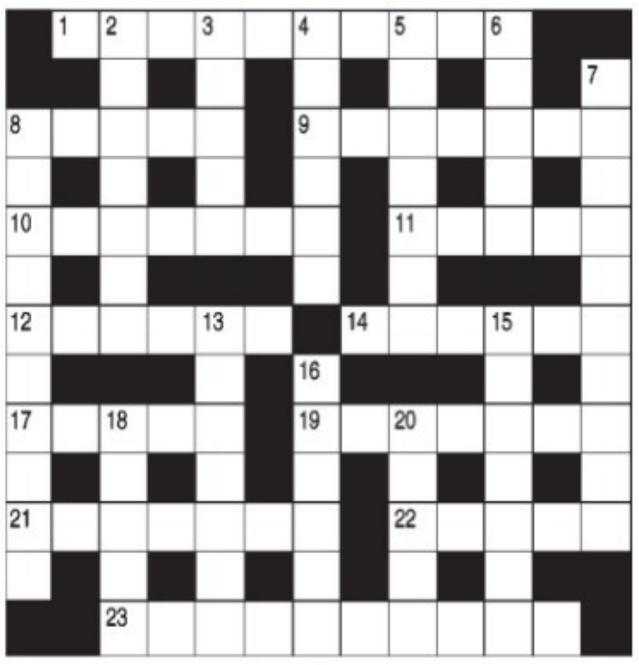
ATROHU

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DITTO SNIFF POWDER SICKLE
Answer: The ice cream shop employees knew a lot because they had the — INSIDE SCOOP

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 On which people sit amongst the beds? (6,4)
8 He doesn't do much to earn his description (5)
9 Piercing noise cut an artist short (7)
10 A cry I'll reproduce in poetic vein (7)
11 Key man in making key adjustments (5)
12 Small number take off clothing and fall asleep (3,3)
14 Fights to protect one's property (6)
17 Stick in a sculptor as the answer (5)
19 Idealistic, upper class head Scot (7)
21 Teller - and where he may work (7)
22 Amounts of water coming from leaks (5)
23 Obligation paid to established customs (6,4)

DOWN

2 Dull are attracted by variety (7)
3 Cord I twisted into a sort of column (5)
4 Christmas present 45 inches long (6)
5 Letter or note written by devout holy man to the French (7)
6 Giant gets it in brown (5)
7 Makes another gift - on one's behalf? (10)
8 Ethnological definition of the British Grand Prix? (6,4)
13 In fact a wild enthusiast (7)
15 A game little insect (7)
16 Insolence of the centre right is inviting disaster (6)
18 Put out what may be a plea for employment (5)
20 Do lie about being tipsy (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Arrive, 4 Domain, 9 Cobbler, 10 Shoes, 11 Senna, 12 Tenniel, 13 Out of breath, 18 Uncover, 20 Degas, 22 Inner, 23 New Year, 24 Elysee, 25 Adonis.
Down: 1 Accost, 2 Robin, 3 Volcano, 5 Orson, 6 Amorist, 7 Nestle, 8 Protuberant, 14 Uncanny, 15 Endowed, 16 Eunice, 17 Usurps, 19 Verse, 21 Glean.

The first edition of the Ramnath Goenka Journalism award in the state was held in the city on Monday. Among the many awardees, 101-year-old HS Doreswamy, a freedom fighter and renowned journalist, was facilitated with the Lifetime Achievement award

Mother tongue must be protected and promoted, says Vice President

He was addressing graduates at the 54th annual convocation of Bangalore University

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MAKING a case for primary school education to be in the student's mother tongue, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said that this would not mean that other languages would be opposed.

He was addressing graduates at the 54th annual convocation of Bangalore University. "Mother tongue has to be promoted and everyone should protect the language. This does not mean that we should oppose other languages. Each one of us should know to respect other languages and be proud of our mother tongue," Naidu said.

Talking about his term as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Naidu said that he had made the provision for members to speak in their respective mother tongues. "It could be Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil or any other language, one must know how to express. Because of my efforts, now every member of the Rajya Sabha has the privilege to speak in their mother tongue," he said.

Naidu also addressed the feeling of embarrassment that some feel while talking in their native language. "Never make fun of your mother tongue. Do not feel shy to speak in it. We must all promote these languages. Kannada is a great language with a great history of literature and those who speak it as their mother tongue, must be proud of being Kannadigas," he said.

On the topic of the devastating bomb blasts in Sri Lanka, Naidu said that the time had come to end terrorism in the country. "It is proved that no country is safe. Terrorism is a big challenge for all the countries and in spite of efforts, it is our neighbour who is training terrorists, which is unfortunate."

He called on all countries to come together to fight terrorism and ban organizations associated with terrorists.

The Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu (extreme right) at the 54th annual convocation of the Bangalore University on Monday | EXPRESS

Tight security leaves parents, students fuming

Strict security arrangements were in place for the convocation owing to the presence of the Vice President as well as the Governor of Karnataka. This meant that visitors were not able to carry in plastic water bottles, leaving them thirsty for more than 2 hours as the convocation progressed. What irked them more however, was the sight of Governor Vajubhai Vala being served water in a plastic bottle.

Gold coin brings cheer

Students who received gold medals were happy to see a glittering gold coin embedded into the silver of the medal. For the first time, Bangalore University gave real gold medals weighing in at 1.3 grams, embedded into a 20 gram silver disc. "I am very lucky as I am getting real gold medals," said Vinutha KV, a awardee. Another student Varalakshmi R said, "Getting a real gold medal made me happy that the University has understood the aspirations of students."

Army Col bags gold

The convocation was a dream come true for 50-year-old Colonel Swaroop S Lohit, an officer posted in Nagaland, who has taken a two year sabbatical to get an MBA degree. The Colonel, who hails from Konanur, a small village in Hassan, bagged three gold medals on Monday. He said, "I was initially apprehensive of whether I would be able to complete the course or not as I am a computer science engineer I had to start from the basics." He will be rejoining his unit from today.

PLAINT AGAINST NEIGHBOURS

Woman assaulted for putting up mosquito net outside home

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@ Bengaluru

WITH no space to accommodate all members of a family, a 38-year-old woman and some of her family members were sleeping outside their house, inside a mosquito net in Krishnappa Garden of CV Raman Nagar, on Friday night. The residents of the same area who were passing by the house raised an objection for setting up the mosquito net and got into a fight with the woman's family, and went on assault the woman and her relatives brutally.

The injured woman filed a complaint against the attackers after getting treatment.

Lakshmi, a resident of Krishnappa Garden was sleeping outside the house along with her sister Nagavalli, sister-in-law Kalaivani, and her children. Around 9 pm, Krishnappa Garden residents Pradeepa and Rohan were passing by Lakshmi's house and asked them why they tied the mosquito net and started shouting at them. Lakshmi said it was to protect her children from mosquitoes.

Pradeepa and Rohan asked her to remove the net immediately. They also threatened to tear the net if she wouldn't remove it on her own. Lakshmi and the two of them got into an argument on this issue.

They tore the net, and when Lakshmi tried to stop them they pulled her by hair and assaulted her. They pushed her on the ground and kicked her. Kalainavi and Nalini rushed to her help.

They called their friends, Yesu, Ananda and Sudha, who came to the spot and assaulted Kalaivani and Nalini and left from there.

An investigating officer said, "We have taken up the case against the assaulters and are investigating. They claim that the mosquito net was blocking their way and they asked her to remove it."

EXPRESS READ

Man hacked to death by bike-borne men

Bengaluru: A 26-year-old habitual offender was hacked to death by a group of six men in JC Nagar on Sunday night, over an old rivalry. The deceased Vignesh alias Vinayal, is a resident of R K Block. The police said that around 12.30 am, Vignesh and three of his friends were walking at near a hotel when the gang rode in on two bikes and brutally attacked him. They managed to escape before the police arrived.

Neighbours attack couple with pots over dog poop, waste

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WHAT seemed like a trivial issue of asking their neighbours to clean up after their dog and their trash, turned ugly for a couple when their neighbours attacked them with flowerpots leaving them seriously injured.

The 41-year-old man and his wife were brutally attacked by their neighbour, Venkatesh and his two relatives at Mallasandra near T Dasarahalli on Saturday night.

Ramesh, a garments shop employee, and his wife Bhagyamma live in a rented house in Mallasandra. Their neighbour Venkatesh's wife Sudha allegedly kept throwing waste in front of Bhagyamma's house and let their dogs poop in front of their house. Whenever Bhagyamma complained to Sudha about this behaviour, she would end up being abused by Sudha. Ramesh usually told his wife to turn a blind to their neighbour's behaviour.

On Saturday morning, when Bhagyamma was cleaning the area in front of her house, she saw that the dogs had created a mess again. She approached Sudha and told her she was tired of cleaning up after her and told her to take her dogs away. Sudha started arguing with Bhagyamma, but Ramesh intervened and said that he would clean the mess.

> **Venkatesh and two other men started pulling my wife by her hair, tore her clothes and assaulted her. I rushed to her help after I heard her cry, but was attacked by them as well**
>
> Ramesh, victim

"Later that evening, there was a knock on the door and when my wife opened it, Venkatesh and two other men who were there on the other side started pulling her by her hair, tore her clothes and assaulted her. When I heard her cry, I came out was attacked by them as well," said Ramesh.

Bhagyamma rushed to call the police after she saw her husband bleeding profusely from his head. The trio continued attacking Ramesh with flowerpots till the Hoysala police came and detained them. An investigating officer said, "We have taken up a case against Venkatesh and his relatives. They were arrested and later released on bail.However, we have asked them to stay away from Ramesh and his family."

City hospital botched surgery, killed mum, tweets Nigerian

ENS @Bengaluru

A Nigerian man shared the medical ordeal and painful death of his mother after a surgery at a private Bengaluru hospital. In a series of tweets, he narrated the case of medical negligence, wrong diagnosis and exorbitant bill he was forced to pay.

Sharing his mother's story, Tobi Marshal said she had complained of back pain for five years, and was treated with therapy and medication in Nigeria. In June 2018, she was diagnosed with "degenerative lumber canal stenosis with instability and scoliosis at L4-5 & L3-4" at a private Indian hospital in Lagos.

Marshal alleged that the hospital has a reputation of being extortionists who lure Nigerians to India and charge outrageous sums for surgeries. On a budget of N3.6 million, he and his mother flew down to Bengaluru for corrective surgery.

Just before the surgery, he was told that it would cost him double the amount, as the Lagos hospital had made a wrong diagnosis.

After her discharge on December 4, 2018, Marshal said his mum's condition began to deteriorate. This led to another round of hospital trips which cost them about N6 million. "On December 19, results showed that she had bacteria meningitis which led to stroke due to complications from the spinal surgery..." he narrated. She left the ICU nine days later and later passed away.

Meanwhile, the hospital allegedly handed him an estimated bill of $12,500. He visited a lawyer in India, who reportedly told him that he had dealt with similar cases of Nigerians being cheated.

"You could go to China or Korea but please stay away from India they are heartless," he tweeted. Twitterati picked up the story and tagged external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj and the hospital, seeking justice for the Nigerian.

However, the hospital in question couldn't be contacted till the edition went to print.

FOR A GREENER PLANET

On World Earth Day on Monday, non-essential lights were switched off at Vidhana Soudha | PANDARINATH B

A world-class higher education system is the need of the hour, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu said, addressing students at REVA University, after inaugurating the Architecture Block on the campus. The youth can contribute to one of the fastest growing economies of the world, Naidu said, urging them to adapt to the realities of the new age and rise to the challenge of a world ruled by technology | EXPRESS

3 from city die in road mishap

G SUBHASH CHANDRA
@Chitraduga

THREE students from Vijaya College and Dayananda Sagar College in Bengaluru died on the spot when a truck hit their stationery TT vehicle near JMIT College on outskirts of the city on Monday morning. The deceased are Srinidhi (21), Harsha (21) and Manu Kartik (21).

According to police, the TT vehicle was parked on the side of the road on the Pune-Bangalore National Highway 48 because of a flat tyre. The driver was replacing the tyre when the truck rammed in to it from behind,with great speed. Six others were injured.

Man attacked by gang members for honking

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A 27-year-old building construction contractor was brutally attacked by a gang of 10 to 11 men in Lakshmipura near Kempegowda Nagar on Saturday midnight for honking at them. He was on his way back home from his mother-in-law's house in Laksmipura when the incident occurred. The victim is Naveen, a resident of Kempegowda Nagar.

Naveen found gang had blocked the road near Trimurthy Bar and Restaurant in Lakshmipuram Main Road, and were creating a ruckus. He honked at them, but they did not make way for him to pass. When he honked again, they caught him. Two people took hollow bricks from the roadside and attacked his head, face and back repeatedly. They also stole his phone and wallet which had ₹ 4,000.

Meanwhile, Naveen's brother and his friend who were passing through noticed Naveen getting beaten up. As they approached the spot, the attackers escaped in their bikes.

An investigating officer from Kempegowda Nagar police station said, "We have taken up the case and are investigating."

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DEPLETING FOREST COVER

Kuvempu University continues construction in Bhadra Reserve

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

WILDLIFE activists, students and staff are up in arms against the continuing construction activity by Kuvempu University in the Singhanamane State Forest of Lakkavali Range in Bhadra Tiger Reserve. The university has cleared large tracts of forest land for building a stadium, hostel and a road even before obtaining a forest clearance.

Last year, the university had cleared 30 acres of forest land for construction of a second stadium and is now building half a kilometer of road that falls in the Aldara section of Lakkavali Range. Students and staff further allege that the university has been indulging in clearing large tracts of forest land. "We often see tigers and other ungulates, but the ongoing works has disturbed the wildlife to a large extent. We are pained to see such disregard for nature what with the university having a wildlife department." However, university officials say extension works were needed for the benefit of students and permission has been acquired.

Road constructed by Kuvempu University in Bhadra Tiger Reserve | EXPRESS

Forest land equalling 323 acres were granted on lease to the university on condition that no construction work would be taken up without permission.

Meanwhile, Bhadra Wildlife Division Conservator of Forests (CF), Dhananjaya S, told *TNIE* the university applied for forest clearances but permission is yet to be given. He said, "They have submitted an online application for forest clearances and Stage 1 and 2 clearances is yet to come. Legally, they are not supposed to take up any works till the permission comes. The university have taken up the work as they believe they will get the permission. Since the ongoing works are for benefit of the student community, we have not stopped it.

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IN BRIEF

MOVE COURT IF LAPSES FOUND IN MY AFFIDAVIT: PRAJWAL

Hassan: "Instead of making false allegations, the BJP candidate can approach the court in case there were any lapses in the affidavit filed by me, said Congress-JD(S) alliance candidate Prajwal Revanna. Speaking to media persons here on Monday, he said the opposition leaders, including the BJP candidate, made false allegations against him to draw the attention of voters during the elections. He is confident that he had filed the affidavit along and nomination papers correctly. Expressing confidence of winning the elections with over 2 lakh votes, Prajwal said he would give a boost to the tourism sector in Hassan, if he becomes the MP. He said he was planning to hold conventions of different religions and he would meet the leaders and the Congress and JD(S) workers at a gram panchayat level once after the results declared.

BJP ACCUSES KALABURAGI SP, DC OF BEING BIASED, DEMANDS TRANSFER

Bengaluru: The BJP on Monday demanded that the Election Commission transfer Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police from the district to ensure free and fair polls on Tuesday. In a complaint to the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, the BJP sought transfer of the senior officers, who they accused of being biased and supporting the Congress candidate. The BJP also requested the EC to ensure direct webcast in sensitive booths and conduct flag marches in sensitive areas in the district. BJP State General Secretary and MLC N Ravi Kumar accused the local police of threatening BJP workers and general voters. They claimed they have made a similar representation on March 26 and again on April 21 seeking transfer of the officers.

TUESDAY'S POLL REAL TEST OF YEDDYURAPPA'S LEADERSHIP

May 23 will will confirm if the BJP leader still holds sway over the dominant Lingayat community in North Karnataka, or if his influence is fading away

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@Bengaluru

THE second phase of Lok Sabha elections in 14 constituencies of Karnataka is a real test for BJP leader B S Yeddyurappa and his party, that had won 11 out of 14 seats in the Lingayat heartland in the 2014 polls. The party lost Bellary to Congress in 2018 bypolls.

In the 14 constituencies of South Karnataka that went to polls in the first phase on April 18, the BJP may gain to some extent, due to infighting in the coalition camp, but up north, it's a direct contest between the two national parties. Under Yeddyurappa's leadership, the BJP had done well in the region in 2018 assembly elections and Tuesday's polls will again test if he still holds sway over the dominant Lingayat community or if his influence is waning.

For Yeddyurappa, the results in these constituencies will be crucial to assert his undisputed authority within the party, especially during possible political changes in the BJP state unit post Lok Sabha polls.

Many senior BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have expressed doubts over the stability of the coalition government, especially after the LS polls. Even Congress leaders like Siddaramaiah had expressed concerns about it, if BJP does well in

the elections. In such a situation, Yeddyurappa's standing within the party depends on BJP's performance in the LS polls.

While a change in the BJP state unit seems imminent after the elections, what will happen thereafter is not clear.

Yeddyurappa has made it clear that he will continue to work as opposition leader in the state assembly if he was moved out of party president's position. However, it all depends on the outcome of the Lok Sabha polls.

> North Karnataka is very important for the BJP and current developments indicate that it has an edge in the region
> M K Bhaskar Rao, political analyst

"North Karnataka is very important for the BJP and current developments indicate that it has an edge in the region," said political analyst M K Bhaskar Rao. "The Lingayat community felt that there was an attempt to divide them during 2018 polls. Now, ministers Shivakumar and Patil and others have only confirmed their doubts by issuing conflicting statements. All this has not helped the Congress in the region," he said.

Water Resources Minister D K Shivakumar had apologised to people for Siddaramaiah government's decision recommending separate religion status for Lingayats, while his senior cabinet colleague and an embarrassed Home Minister MB Patil — who was in the forefront of the separate religion agitation — hit back and affirmed that they will continue with the demand. Ironically, except Patil all ministers from the community, who were in the forefront of the agitation had lost in the assembly elections.

While the Congress hopes to regain its lost ground in North Karnataka by consolidation of AHINDA (Kannada acronym for minorities, dalits and backward classes) votes, the Lingayat strongman in the BJP, will be trying to reassert his hold over the region and within his own party.

Davanagere's pregnant voters need not worry, EC's got it covered

ARPITHA I @Davangere

IF you have any pregnant voters and physically challenged voters in your family, do not worry about escorting them till the polling booth, as the Election Commission has made all special arrangements for ensuring smooth polling for them. Davanagere Lok Sabha constituency has 17,577 physically challenged voters and 9,196 pregnant voters.

Assistant Election Officer and City Corporation Commissioner Veerendra Kundagol told *TNIE* that autorickshaws have been stationed to help pregnant women and physically challenged people to transport them to polling booths. "Pregnant women are allowed to vote directly without standing in queues like other voters. One booth has been been set up for physically challenged people," he said.

Kundagol said if pregnant women come in their own vehicle, then they will be escorted by NSS volunteers from the gate to the polling booth. "If they have a problem of mobility due to last stage of their pregnancy, we will provide wheelchairs. Even physically challenged voters will be given wheelchairs at the booth, depending on their condition," he added. He said, as there are good number of such voters in the constituency, providing facilities like this will help in attaining increased voter turnout.

District Health Officer Dr M S Tripulamba said the health department has given all the necessary facilities and sources like first aid kits, ambulance facility and necessary drugs to all polling booths in case of medical emergencies. "I have asked my staff to keep stock of all necessary drugs. ASHA workers and anganwadi workers have been instructed to handle medical emergencies," she added.

ON SHAKY GROUND

Month of *nataka* looms large for K'taka coalition partners

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@ Bengaluru

AS voting comes to an end for the Phase II of elections in Karnataka, the coalition government knows that fresh trouble is brewing: rebellion, which was willy-nilly banked for the duration of the polls.

The buzz in political circles now is: Will the coalition government survive, and if it does, for how long?

The most telling evidence is the absence of JD(S) and Congress MLAs during electioneering. "Many Congress-JD(S) rebel MLAs did not work for the coalition during the Lok Sabha polls and even if they made an appearance, it was only a pretence and they didn't really work for the MP candidate," pointed out a leader in the BJP camp.

The MLAs who had been allegedly poached by the BJP and were holed up in a resort in Mumbai a few months ago, returned home only after the Yeddyurappa tape sting operation expose by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy.

Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, Ballari Rural MLA B Nagendra and Athani MLA Mahesh Kumathalli and some others have reportedly committed their support to the BJP, sources said. They are now waiting for the right moment to strike.

The rebellion is slowly unravelling, with more voices adding strength to it. Hirekerur MLA B C Patil said he is unhappy and is neglected within the Congress. Kumtalli was on the defensive, saying, "I don't want to speak to the media about anything speculative."

Of the rebels, only **Ramesh Jarkiholi** appears to have firmed up his resolve to move out, having campaigned openly for the BJP. **Umesh Jadhav**, who was also in the Mumbai resort, has already resigned as Chincholi MLA.

One more indication came from the BJP: While campaigning, BJP state president B S Yeddyurappa and PM Narendra Modi prophesied that the state government will change after May 23.

BJP Malleswaram MLA C N Ashwathnarayana summed it up, "This government will fall as more than 25 legislators from the coalition camp who feel neglected are ready to bring the government down. We don't have to do anything."

While the situation on the ground is challenging for the coalition government, Congress leaders are keeping a sharp eye out for rebellious activity. Former KPCC president and Deputy CM G Parameshwara said, "We are observing and taking note of the developments. It is a matter of concern for the party. Once elections are over, we will deal with it." They have a month to sort out their issues.

Congress leader Margaret Alva said, "Let the results come on May 23, I don't see any difficulty for the government now."

I-T dept turns its radar on two BJP men in Belagavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

MERELY a day before the general elections, Income Tax officials raided the properties of Belagavi BJP candidate Suresh Angadi's relative and another BJP district general secretary, early in the morning on Monday. Angadi's relative Shankargouda Patil — a real estate businessman and from KK Koppa village — was under scrutiny. IT sleuths raided his residence and also a farm house located in the outskirts of the village.

Gurupad Kalli

According to sources, officials have recovered ₹2 lakh cash, 300 gm of gold ornaments, and some property documents from his residence during the raid.

On the same day, IT officials raided the residence of Gurupad Kalli, a resident of Hosuru village, near Saudatti. He is Belagavi's district general secretary of BJP.

Officials seized ₹82,000 cash, 200 gram gold and some property documents from his residence during the raid. It is also said that the raid is being conducted by IT officials of Belagavi and Goa.

Bizman's house raided in Dharwad, documents seized

Dharwad: Income Tax officers raided the residence of a businessman Girish Kulkarni, in Dharwad on Sunday night. The raid went on till Monday morning 3 am and officers recovered some documents and bags from the house. It is said that Girish is associated with all party leaders and a friend of a police officer. Following a tip-off on the transaction of huge amount, the raid was held. The officers, who arrived in two teams, held the raid. A team of officers searched the house and collected the important documents in connection with assets. Another team continued the raid in the night, interrogated the family members, and returned with a bag early morning. However, there is no information about the secured documents and what the officers carried in the bag. According to I-T sources, two more raids may take place in the city by Tuesday early morning.

FEEL THE ELECTION HEAT

Take a cap, umbrella and water bottle to polling booth today

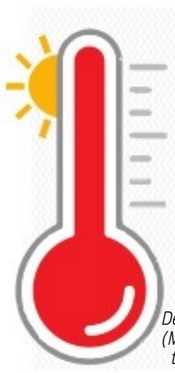
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Met department has some good advice for voters: Don't forget to take along an umbrella and water bottle with your voter IDs as you queue up to vote on Tuesday, for it's going to be a sultry and sizzling election day.

North Karnataka goes to polls in the second phase of the election in the state. Chikkodi, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Gulbarga, Raichur, Bidar, Koppal, Ballari, Haveri, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Davanagere and Shimoga will choose their Lok Sabha MPs. Political parties had campaigned under an unforgiving sun through April.

According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) director Srinivas Reddy, most of North Karnataka region, especially Hyderabad-Karnataka region, crossed 41 deg Celsius on Monday, and Tuesday's temperature is expected to be almost the same. "The temperature is likely to climb higher between 12.30pm to 3pm, and people are requested to vote before 12.30pm or after 3pm," Reddy said.

Ballari, Raichur and Kalaburagi have already crossed 40 deg C and are expected to be the hottest on Tuesday. On Monday, Kalaburagi recorded the highest maximum temperature of 41.6 deg C in the state, according to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), and the north interior of the state came under a dry spell of weather.



Up, up and away

41.6	Kalaburagi
40	Vijayapura
41	Koppal/ Raichur
41	Ballari

Degree C (Monday temp)

Reddy said there has been 2-3 deg C increase in temperature compared to the average temperature in a normal year in north interior Karnataka. This has been a trend for the past three to four years. "There is a lot more heat nowadays," he added, adding that rain is unlikely to provide any relief in these parts of Karnataka in the next frew days.

FINAL FIGHT FOR THE NORTH

As the state goes to polls today for Phase 2 of the Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka, here are the politicos and the factors that will determine their fight for the seat in Parliament

1 CHIKKODI
8,17,114 MALES | 7,87,617 FEMALE | 57 OTH
16,04,788 TOTAL VOTERS
A major fight for Lingayat votes with both candidates from the same community
35970 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Annasaheb S Jolle (BJP) | Prakash B Hukkeri INC-JD(S)

2 BELGAUM
8,90,368 MALES | 8,81,406 FEMALE | 55 OTH
17,71,829 TOTAL VOTERS
Internal rebellion is Congress' biggest worry
36983 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Suresh C Angadi (BJP) | Dr Sadhunavar INC-JD(S)

3 BAGALKOT
8,50,381 MALES | 8,50,074 FEMALE | 92 OTH
17,00,547 TOTAL VOTERS
Matter of pride for local (Badami) MLA Siddaramaiah
39,418 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
G P Chandanagouda (BJP) | Veena Kashappanavar INC-JD(S)

4 BIJAPUR
9,21,258 MALES | 8,74,404 FEMALE | 269 OTH
17,95,931 TOTAL VOTERS
Lone JD(S) candidate from North Karnataka takes on BJP giant
34,630 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
R C Jigajinagi (BJP) | Dr Sunita D Chavan INC-JD(S)

5 GULBARGA
9,80,105 MALES | 9,64,845 FEMALE | 341 OTH
19,45,291 TOTAL VOTERS
The tussle of prestige for Mallikarjun Kharge
34,791 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Umesh G Jadhav (BJP) | Mallikarjun Kharge INC-JD(S)

6 RAICHUR
9,55,586 MALES | 9,71,805 FEMALE | 367 OTH
19,27,758 TOTAL VOTERS
Coalition hopes for a Naidu magic among Andhra settlers
40,120 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Raja Amareshwara Naik(BJP) | B V Naik INC-JD(S)

7 BIDAR
9,18,595 MALES | 8,55,214 FEMALE | 103 OTH
17,73,912 TOTAL VOTERS
Congress' challenge to vest the seat from BJP
39,266 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Bhagwanth Khuba (BJP) | Eshwar Khandre INC-JD(S)

8 KOPPAL
8,62,466 MALES | 8,73,539 FEMALE | 113 OTH
17,36,118 TOTAL VOTERS
Most backward region of Hyderabad-Karnataka looks for development
43,216 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
K S Amarappa (BJP) | Basavaraj Hitnal INC-JD(S)

9 BELLARY
8,71,191 MALES | 8,80,488 FEMALE | 232 OTH
17,51,911 TOTAL VOTERS
Fight for a resurgence for BJP, fight to retain for Congress
44,511 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Y Devendrappa (BJP) | V S Ugrappa INC-JD(S)

10 HAVERI
8,71,259 MALES | 8,35,569 FEMALE | 81 OTH
17,06,909 TOTAL VOTERS
Congress looks to stop Udasi's victory juggernaut
37,929 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
S C Udasi (BJP) | D R Patil INC-JD(S)

11 DHARWAD
8,75,491 MALES | 8,49,758 FEMALE | 106 OTH
17,25,355 TOTAL VOTERS
Hotbed of Lingayat politics and its repercussions
39,007 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Prahlad Joshi (BJP) | Vinay Kulkarni INC-JD(S)

12 UTTARA KANNADA
7,86,409 MALES | 7,66,047 FEMALE | 27 OTH
15,52,483 TOTAL VOTERS
The last of the coastal seats up for grabs
36442 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
Ananth Kumar Hegde (BJP) | Anand Asnotikar INC-JD(S)

13 DAVANGERE
8,24,182 MALES | 8,10,161 FEMALE | 129 OTH
16,34,472 TOTAL VOTERS
BJP's confidence hopes to cash in on Congress' confusion
37598 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
G M Siddeshwar (BJP) | H B Manjappa INC-JD(S)

14 SHIMOGA
8,31,185 MALES | 8,44,740 FEMALE | 50 OTH
16,75,975 TOTAL VOTERS
Sons of two former Chief ministers clash off
41,363 FIRST-TIME VOTERS
B Y Raghavendra (BJP) | Madhu Bangarappa INC-JD(S)

IndiGo has extended the date for full fee waiver of flights cancelled or rescheduled to and from Colombo up to April 30. It had fixed April 24 as the deadline, in a release issued a day earlier

TERROR DEVASTATES FAMILIES

Ricocheting effect of Colombo blasts traumatises Karnataka families. *Express* brings you harrowing tales from those bereaved

FALLING PREY TO TERRORISM

NAGARAJ REDDY
Businessman
BTM Layout
Kingsbury Hotel

H SHIVAKUMAR
Civil contractor
Nelamangala
Shangri-La Hotel

HANUMANTHA-RAYAPPA
Realtor
Dasarahalli in Peenya
Shangri-La Hotel

M RANGAPPA
Realtor
Vidyaranyapura
Shangri-La Hotel

K M LAKSHMI-NARAYANA
Businessman
Nelamangala
Shangri-La Hotel

LAKSHMANA GOWDA RAMESH
Businessman
Kunigal, Tumakuru
Shangri-La Hotel

COLOMBO HELPLINE
For assistance from the Indian mission in Sri Lanka, call:
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MISSING MEN FROM KARNATAKA

Maregowda

Puttaraju

I am with their families and pray to the Almighty to give strength for the families and near and dear ones to bear this grief

@hd_kumaraswamy

Devastated to hear about serial bomb blasts in #SriLanka. I strongly condemn this cowardly attack targeting innocent people during Easter celebrations. My deepest condolences to the families of the victims & I wish for the speedy recovery of the injured.

@MBPatil

His family waited till Monday afternoon...

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Bengaluru

WHEN they heard about the blasts in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, businessman Nagaraj Reddy's family anxiously waited here for news of him. They were hoping that he was safe.

However, as the day progressed and news of the severity of the blasts started trickling in, their anxiety mounted as they were unable to get in touch with him. On Monday afternoon, their wait ended in a shock as they were told of his death when another relative identified his body in Colombo.

A businessman from BTM layout in Bengaluru, Nagaraj (53), was in Sri Lanka on a trip to receive an honorary doctorate from an University in Colombo. He was having breakfast at a restaurant with his relative Purushotham Reddy when the blasts shattered their lives. Purushotham is recovering in a hospital and will most likely return to Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Talking about the nightmare of tracking down any news of Nagaraj, a relative said, "On Sunday, we got information that Purushotham was injured. But we did not know Nagaraj's whereabouts till Monday afternoon. Both the hotel and the Indian Embassy could not trace him. He died on the spot while having breakfast."

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son. The family, earlier involved in the real estate business in Bengaluru, had later invested abroad in the infrastructure sector. According to sources, Nagaraj owned a mall in Turkey and had also invested in a local football team as well as an IT park in Dubai. He is a close relative of Yelahanka MLA SR Vishwanath who along with others from the family, left for Sri Lanka on Monday and will reach on Tuesday morning.

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"Fellow Indians staying with them had suggested going out for breakfast but they stayed back. Two members who went out for breakfast are likely safe," the relative said adding that the family currently was trying to stay away from the media glare as a lot of confusion had prevailed over the last two days. "Conflicting reports over the condition of Nagaraj and Purushotham have caused a lot of anxiety for the family," the relative said.

"Fate had something else in mind for him. He was a noted businessman and had interests in many countries," the relative said.

Ballari man has narrow escape, recalls horror

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @ Ballari

A private company employee and a resident of Kurugod taluk near Ballari city had a narrow escape when the blast took place at Colombo's Shangri-La Hotel.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express* over phone from Sri Lanka, Rajashekar Meti said, "I was on a holiday with my friends and had come here on April 15. We came to Colombo yesterday (April 21) as we had a flight in the evening. We decided to take a walk around the city after breakfast. However, just when we stepped out of our hotel we heard a loud noise. We had no clue what it was. The security guards at the hotel immediately called us back in and locked the gates behind us. They were in a state of panic."

Recalling the horror, he said what they heard next was people screaming outside, there was smoke in the air and ambulances and police vehicles were everywhere. "We were told that this is the first blast in many years. Soon, we were shifted to another hotel in Bentota, 85km away from Colombo," he said.

"As the news spread, our family members became a worried lot and were trying to reach us. But we could contact them only after reaching our destination as there was no network. I will return to Karnataka on Tuesday night and will head straight home from the airport."

Clockwise from left: A Sri Lankan couple mourns as they leave a mortuary after identifying the body of their relative killed in a blast in Colombo on Monday; People gather outside St. Anthony's Shrine, one of the targets; Bengalureans take out a candlelight vigil at MG Road in Bengaluru to show solidarity with the blast victims; Sri Lankans gather outside St. Anthony's Shrine | **AP, PTI, PANDARINATH B**

'My father spoke to us minutes before the blast'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

"MY father was so eager to step into our newly-built house. A month ago he hosted a grand housewarming ceremony. I can't believe he is no more," said an inconsolable Abhilash (21), the younger son of Lakshminarayana who was killed in the Colombo terror attack.

The victim was a panchayat member. He went on the trip to spend some time with his friends after the hectic election campaigns.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, the family members said that Lakshminarayana had called them just a few minutes before the bomb blasts. "He told us that he had reached Colombo and had checked into his room. He said that he would soon head out for breakfast. He sounded so happy," Abhilash said.

Just a few minutes after the call, the family heard about the serial blasts. Lakshminarayana's wife immediately called him, but in vain. The family then sought help from their friends and relatives online.

"No one answered calls and we were unaware of any development till Monday morning until some JD(S) leaders and the local MLA came home to tell us about my father's death," Abhilash said.

Lakshminarayan is survived by his wife and two sons who are studying in a private college.

SHIVANNA, FRIEND WERE PLANNING SRI LANKA TRIP WITH FAMILIES

Bengaluru: When Suresh Deganahalli met his childhood friend Govenahalli Shivanna last Friday, he had no inkling it would be their last meeting. In fact, Shivanna had visited Suresh to urge him to join them on their Colombo trip. Suresh told TNIE, "On Friday, he came to my house and forced me to go along with them. But I told him that I wouldn't come without my family, and that we could go along with our families the next time. He was my childhood friend and a very kind person." H Shivakumar, fondly known among friends and people of Nelamangala as Govenahalli Shivanna, was an active social worker in the area. He owned a school in Nelamangala and had reportedly given free admissions to many poor students of the village. Thimmaraju, a relative of Shivakumar, said he had met him two weeks ago when they were busy with election campaigning. He had brought thousands of people for a JD(S) party function in Nelamangala recently. MLA Srinivasmurthy from Nelamangala met his family on Monday, after Shivanna was declared dead by Indian Embassy officials. His family went to Sri Lanka to bring back his body.

Lucky nine had toured blast spots a day earlier

ENS @ Bengaluru

THIS group of nine, including three children and a doctor's family from Jayanagar, feels lucky to have escaped unhurt in the serial blasts in Colombo.

Dr Raghuram G, neurosurgeon with Columbia Asia Hospital, Srinivasan and others had gone on a trip, and had visited all those places the bombings ripped through just a few hours after they left.

The group returned to Bengaluru on Monday. Dr Raghuram said, "We were in Galle when the blasts took place. Galle is 120km away, so we were not aware of the blasts till our driver told us. We were lucky to come back safely."

"The blasts happened on Sunday, at the very spots we had visited on Saturday. We were fortunate to visit those places a day before the tragedy. We were to return to Bengaluru on Sunday and were told to travel to the airport six hours earlier, due to curfew," he said.

"Security was so tight that it took two hours to complete the checking process in the airport. The measures taken after the blast were good. The only inconvenience was stocking up food and other stuff as curfew was imposed," he added.

Srinivasan, Dr Raghuram's friend and a resident of Jayanagar, said, "We returned to Bengaluru and are safe. The hotel authorities, public and government of Sri Lanka took all measures to send us back to India. I appreciate them."

TUMAKURU BIZMAN HAD TIES ACROSS POLITICAL LINES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

THE death of Ramesh L Gowda (44), in the serial blasts in Sri Lanka, has thrown the entire political circuit in Tumakuru into mourning. The businessman, who was holidaying in Sri Lanka when he was killed in the blasts, had friends across political parties and was a popular figure in the city.

Friends remembered him on Monday with grief. "We were batchmates at Sarvodaya PU college here. The news came as a big shock to me personally. We would study in different sections but used to mingle after classes," said city BJP MLA GB Jyotiganesh. He spent the day consoling Ramesh's family at their resident in Saraswathipura in the city.

For the Lok Sabha elections, Ramesh had canvassed for former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda against Jyotiganesh's father GS Basavaraju, the BJP candidate. However, this did not have any effect on their friendship as he had supported Jyotiganesh in last year's assembly polls, friends said.

The family members were also visited by Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara who also held Ramesh in high regard. "He was a very active young politician and it is a great loss for the field. His mortal remains will arrive by Tuesday evening," Parameshwara told reporters.

Originally from Kunigal, Ramesh Gowda had been living in Tumakuru for several decades. He operated three bars and restaurants on lease from two liquor barons DS Kumar and Batlee Murthy.

After voting for Tumakuru concluded on April 18, he joined his JD (S) friends from Nelamagala for a vacation in Sri Lanka. "He informed the family and also sent pictures of the hotel Shangri-la where they were staying," said Puneeth, a relative. He leaves behind his wife Manjula and their teenage daughter Deeksha, who appeared for her SSLC exams this year as well as a son, Shobit, a grade three student.

Politicos offer help to bereaved families in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE death toll of people from Bengaluru in the Sri Lanka terror attack, that was initially two on Monday morning, soon escalated to six by the end of the day. Soon after the Indian Embassy in Sri Lanka confirmed the death of more Indians, JD(S) supremo H D Deve Gowda was the first to acknowledge the loss of lives.

Four of the six confirmed dead on Monday were identified as JD(S) party workers by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy. Cutting across party lines, politicians visited families of those declared dead and missing.

"I am shocked to hear that a seven-member team of JD(S) workers from Karnataka, who were touring Colombo, has gone missing... Two of them are feared killed... I am in constant touch with the Indian High Commission on the reports of those missing," Kumaraswamy tweeted on Monday. By evening, the confirmed death toll had reached six, including a businessman from Tumakuru. Senior BJP leader D V Sadananda Gowda visited bereaved families from his constituency Bangalore North.

Veteran Congress leader Veerappa Moily visited the family of Lakshminarayana in Doddaballapur and confirmed that a team of MLAs will be sent to oversee the process of bringing the mortal remains back to Bengaluru. Congress leader Krishna Byre Gowda met families of M Rangappa and Hanumantharayappa from Vidyaranyapura and Dasarahalli. Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara too offered condolences to the bereaved family members.

The state government has appointed Principal Secretary to DPAR Anjum Parvez as the nodal officer to coordinate with the Indian Embassy in Sri Lanka. Kumaraswamy on Monday confirmed that a team of Karnataka citizens were returning from Kandy to identify others killed in the terror attack.

Home Minister M B Patil said names of the deceased will not be announced unless authenticated by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Three people, including manager of a private bus company operating inter-state bus services, have been taken into custody in connection with the alleged attack on three Bengaluru-bound passengers in Kochi on Monday

D-DAY FOR PATNAIK, RAHUL AND THAROOR TODAY

Fate of 417 candidates will be decided in Assembly and LS elections in Odisha; Kerala will go for single-phase polls

AMMK wants EC to allow agents 24x7 in EVM centres till counting day

Chennai: The Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) headed by TTV Dhinakaran Monday urged the Election Commission to allow agents of political parties to stay round-the-clock at centres where EVMs used in the April 18 Lok Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu are stored. A day after a woman tahsildar was suspended for alleged violation of norms in entering a room where polling records were kept in Madurai, AMMK leader Thanga Tamilselvan said his party had 'suspicion' about state government officials deployed for poll work. Presently agents were not allowed beyond 10 pm and the restriction should be eased to avoid escalation of suspicion, Tamilselvan, a key aide of Dhinakaran, told reporters here. "If the counting happens in a day or two, it would not be a problem. But it is a month-long wait (for May 23). We are okay with efforts taken by the EC, but its implementation lies with officials of state government," he said. He also questioned the need for the official to visit the storage room. Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral officer Satyabrata SahooSunday ordered the suspension of the tahsildar after an inquiry based on a complaint by CPI-M candidate in Madurai constituency. Officials had clarified the tahsildar did not enter the strong room, where EVMs were stored.

Presiding officers get ready with EVMs and other voting materials in Bhubaneshwar on Monday | EXPRESS

Odisha gears up for third phase of LS, Assembly polls

PTI @Bhubaneswar

OVER 92.56 lakh voters will on Tuesday decide the fate of 417 candidates in the third phase of polls for six Lok Sabha and 42 assembly seats in Odisha, where pre-poll violence have left several injured, including an EC magistrate and a ruling party candidate.

A senior poll official said preparations for the third phase have reached the final stage and necessary steps have been taken to ensure free and fair voting in 10,464 booths. "Polling will be held in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur, Keonjhar and Dhenkanal Lok Sabha constituencies and 42 assembly segments that come under them. All necessary steps have been taken to ensure that the polling staff reach the booths in time," he stated.

Claiming that adequate security arrangements have been made for Tuesday, a senior police officer said investigation was being carried out into the incidents of violence that were reported on Sunday. At Pipili in Puri district, a magistrate of an election flying squad and members of a static surveillance team (SST) were allegedly attacked by BJD MLA Pradeep Maharathy and his supporters, when they had gone to the legislator's farmhouse to carry out a raid.

"Based on an complaint registered at Pipili police stations, Maharathy was arrested on Monday," the officer said. In another incident, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Niranjan Patnaik and his supporters came under attack in Ramchandrapur area of Keonjhar district.Around 10 Congress workers, along with Patnaik, were injured and their vehicles damaged Sunday, the senior police officer said, adding that eight people have been arrested in the case.

In Bhubaneswar-Central Assembly seat, bombs were hurled at the vehicles of BJP and BJD candidates.

While BJP nominee Jagannath Pradhan managed to escape unhurt, Ananta Narayan Jena of the BJD, along with his associates, sustained injuries.Satyajit Mohanty, the Cuttack-Bhubaneswar police commissioner said, measures were being taken in the assembly seat, following assaults on the two nominees.

"Both Pradhan and Jena will be provided additional security on Tuesday," he said.

Do-or-die battle for Left, Cong in Kerala

PTI @ Thiruvananthapuram

Officials carry polling equipments from Swathi Thirunal Music College in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday | EXPRESS

AFTER a high decibel 40-day-long campaign, Kerala will go to single phase polls Tuesday with Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, Union minister Alphons Kannamthanam and sitting MP Shashi Tharoor among those whose fortunes will be decided.

It is a do-or-die battle for both the ruling CPI(M)-led LDF and opposition Congress-headed UDF in most of the 20 Lok Sabha seats this time in the state, known for its decades-long bipolar politics.

The BJP-led NDA is posing a formidable challenge to the two traditional fronts in at least three constituencies -- Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta and Thrissur. The saffron party is hoping to capitalise on the Sabarimala women entry issue and ensure the Lotusblooms this time from the state in the Lower House of Parliament.

A key seat will be Wayanad from where Rahul Gandhi is contesting besides his pocket borough Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, Thiruvananthapuram where Tharoor is eyeing a hat-trick and Ernakulam, the costal city from where Kannamthanam is seeking to make his Lok Sabha debut.

The Sabarimala temple issue is a major poll plank of BJP as the party sought to attack the CPI-M led LDF government.

The state witnessed massive protests after the LDF government decided to implement the September 28 Supreme Court verdict allowing women of all age groups to offer prayers at the Lord Ayyappa shrine, setting aside the traditional ban.

Senior BJP leader Kummanam Rajashekharan, who resigned as Mizoram Governor to test electoral waters, is giving a tough fight to former union minister and well-known author Tharoor, who is aiming for a hatrick of wins from the state capital.

The acrimonious campaign saw Prime minister Narendra Modi and BJP President Amit Shah going on a blitzkrieg as the saffron party seeks to gain a foothold in the state.

Modi has avoided any direct reference to Sabarimala or Lord Ayyappa, apparently to avoid any violation of election code. He assured that the BJP would do everything from court to the Constitution to protect the traditions and beliefs of the people.

Pre-poll violence rocks Odisha: EC magistrate, BJD candidate injured

PTI @Bhubaneswar

Congress leaders protest over attack on OPCC president Niranjan Patnaik

A BJD candidate was arrested for allegedly assaulting an EC magistrate, while OPCC president Niranjan Patnaik and another BJD nominee were among 11 persons injured as a series of violence rocked Odisha on Sunday, officials said.

Bombs were also hurled at a BJP assembly candidate's car though none was injured, police said Monday.

The violence started around an hour before the campaign for the third phase of polls ended on Sunday afternoon.

Puri Collector cum District Election Officer J P Das alleged that sitting MLA and BJD's assembly candidate Pradeep Maharathy attacked the magistrate of an election flying squad at Pipili.

After receiving a complaint about the distribution of money and liquor in violation of the Model Code of Conduct, the EC teams reached Maharathy's farmhouse around 11.30 pm.

COLOMBO BLASTS

Security up around naval base in Kerala

PTI @Kochi

SECURITY has been beefed up in and around the Naval Base here in the wake of the deadly Easter blasts in Sri Lanka , a Defence spokesman said here Monday.

"In the backdrop of Sri Lanka blasts, security has been enhanced in and around Naval base as a precautionary measure. Surveillance over sea has also been enhanced," he said here. The Kochi-based Southern Naval Command is one of the three main formations of the Indian Navy.

Seven suicide bombers were involved in a series of eight devastating blasts that tore through churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, killing 290 people and wounding 500 others.

HS Doreswamy gets Ramnath Goenka Award

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE first edition of the Ramnath Goenka Journalism award in the state was held in the city on Monday. Among the many awardees, 101-year-old, HS Doreswamy who was a freedom fighter and renowned journalist, was facilitated with the Lifetime Achievement award. Samyukta Karnataka was awarded with the best Newspaper Award. In the category of investigative journalism, GM Kumar, Managing Director of BTV got the award.

The awards are given in a bid to mark the works of journalists, in both print as well as broadcast journalism.

Prashanth Goenka, Grandson of Ramnath Goenka said, "These awards are presented to the ones who have worked fair and believe in free journalism. This event is also to bring back Ramnath Goenka in our thoughts."

ASSAULT CASE

CID team begins probe into Raichur girl's rape-murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raichur

THE CID team investigating the mysterious death of a 23-year-old engineering student visited the spot on Monday afternoon. The team, headed by Superintendent of Police S D Sharanappa, were there for a couple of hours.

The burnt body of the student, who had gone missing on April 15, was found hanging from a tree in a farm and the police recovered the body only the next day. Following massive protests, DG&IGP Neelamani Raju handed over the case to the CID.

The victim's body was disfigured leading to speculation that she was murdered.

However, the police in the beginning did not invoke the sections related to murder. They added rape and murder sections only after the parents filed a complaint alleging so.

The student's parents and friends alleged that she was harassed by Sudarshan Yadav and named him as a suspect. The Raichur police have arrested Sudarshan, who is now in judicial custody.

Superintendent of Police Sharanappa told TNIE, "I cannot comment on the cause of death looking at prima facie evidence. We need to collect sufficient evidence to arrive to any conclusion."

The police in Raichur said they are awaiting the autopsy report.

PRECIOUS DROP

A bird drinks water from a tap in Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu on Monday| R ANANDHAKRISHNAN

Action plan to keep a check on inhuman transport of labourers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government on Monday informed the Karnataka High Court that it will soon come out with a comprehensive action plan to check the inhuman transportation of labourers and school children in goods vehicles, earth moving equipments, trucks, and rickshaws.

Granting time till June 3, 2019 to submit the action plan as asked by the Advocate General Uday Holla, the division bench of Acting Chief Justice L Narayana Swamy and Justice P S Dinesh Kumar said that the issue has to be addressed as it borders violation of Article 21 of the constitution of India, particularly, the labour force.

The court expressed its deep concern and anguish with regard to the manner in which the labour force and school children are transporting in the state. The court also observed that there is a similarity to the agricultural labour and transportation of agricultural produce. Narrating the facts in the Public Interest Litigation petition filed by Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), the court cautioned that any lapse in this cause could be viewed seriously. It may also consider initiation of appropriate action against the officers.

The KSLSA has filed this petition seeking directions to the authorities to ensure provision of adequate, affordable and safe public transportation to students, children, workers and other vulnerable sections of society across the state. The ADGP informed the court that last year, the police authorities booked 28,914 cases and in the current year, 986 are repeated offenders. The police have also ensured safety rules for the passengers which ferries school going children in Bengaluru.

In addition to this, the Labour Commissioner and Transport Commissioner also drew the attention of the court on action taken by them.

NIZAM'S ROLLS: THE MODI WAVE ARRIVES FIVE YEARS LATE?

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That's not all. It's surprising to see young or middle-aged voters in the villages and qasbas of the rural north of Karnataka agitatedly discussing the 'tukde tukde gang of JNU'! Kanhaiya Kumar may or may not win his elections in Begusarai, Bihar, but he has managed to galvanise opinion in these tiny villages thousands of kilometres away. "How could the Congress support such elements in JNU?" asks a BSc undergrad student. There are also those like Prabhas Kumar, also a Maratha, who interjects, "Don't believe what these people are saying, when they vote it'll be different."

No animosity is visible, prima facie. At a tea-stall in Bidar, Lingayats and Muslims and backward caste folks sit together and ask sagely, "Did you notice the Modi factor?" They laughingly add that North Karnataka may be catching the fever five years late! North Karnataka indeed has its unique dynamics. The BJP did its best in 2009 when Yeddyurappa was the CM. Despite the Modi wave of 2014, it actually slid from its 2009 showing and the Congress picked up more seats. But admittedly, GOP veterans like Mallikarjun Kharge have had to sweat it out far more this time compared to 2014 -- the wave indeed seems to have arrived five years later.

The BJP's Karnataka state incharge, Muralidhar Rao, takes credit for the party strategy that kept the Congress and JD(S) stalwarts restricted to their respective prestige fights. "We ensured that Kharge -- who's the Congress's tallest leader (from the Scheduled Caste segment) -- could not step out of Kalaburagi even once to try and harness Dalit sentiments in favour of the party elsewhere in the state. Similarly, Deve Gowda and Kumaraswamy remained tied to Mandya, Hassan and Tumkur. And Siddaramaiah mostly to Mysore. Whereas our BSY was free to campaign all across the state."

Rao claims the Congrees-JD(S) coalition arithmetic was what spoilt their campaign chemistry, not allowing synergies to develop. "On the ground, the workers of the two parties could not bury their traditional rivalry, and joined us in large numbers both in south and north Karnataka. Added to the Modi factor in this state -- it's playing out differently in different states -- this was a bonanza for us," Rao adds.

But that's the upbeat story from the BJP perspective, not necessarily shared by those viewing it from the other side of the room. In seats like Uttara Kannada, Davangere, Koppal – all in the north, which the BJP treats as its stronghold – JD(S) candidates acted as a spoiler for the Congress, with their votes exceeding the vote differential between the BJP and the Congress. The coalition has ensured that in the second phase at least, it's a straight fight between the Congress and the BJP. So the degree of desperation in some ways has been lesser than in the south, where the top leadership of the GOP had to rally behind the coalition partners to give them face-saving wins in their prestige fights. Plus, the Vokkaliga-Lingayat dichotomy of Karnataka politics was better handled through the prism of coalition. "It allowed us to field our Lingayat candidates in some constituencies in the north, leaving it to Siddaramaiah's Kuruba and AHINDA (OBC, Muslim, Dalit) equation to play out in the south, and the Li-AHINDA (breakaway Lingayat and AHINDA) to pay some dividends in the North," says K.C. Venugopal, Congress in-charge of Karnataka.

Free poaching on each other's candidates by the two parties has also resulted in a bit of confusion among voters, some of whom decry the fact that no political party has actually addressed the issue of concern in these arid zones -- the water crisis, the drought, delayed project implementation. Curiously, employment is not such a big issue for Karnataka youth, who can still hope to swing "something in the IT sector". Nor the GST rigmarole. "Unlike the north, we in southern India prefer to live by rules, however tough they are," says a motorcycle showroom owner from Mysore, on his train ride back from Sholapur.

Karnataka is the only southern state where the BJP hopes to post a handsome win, maximising the 28 seats on offer, offsetting whatever losses it faces elsewhere. For the Congress, it is not just about a prestige fight in a few seats. It is about existential questions -- that too in a state into which Indira Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi could walk any day and win an election!

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>
> Muralidhar Rao

I had gone to Faizabad, where a farmer pleaded with folded hands to remove this government and said in their rule, farmers had to guard the fields at night to protect their crops. —Priyanka Vadra, Congress leader

ADVERSE UP DEMOGRAPHICS CHALLENGE BJP

Seen from the vantage point of Uttar Pradesh, the 2019 elections are about the Modi factor rather than a Modi wave. In fact, the ground sentiment suggests that it's a wave-less election. Rather, a new permutation and combination of caste-community arithmetic and corresponding political loyalties have emerged as the determinant of the electoral choices. Hence, understanding demography holds key to the political fortunes of both the BJP and the Mahagathbandhan. While the first phase in Uttar Pradesh is popularly expected to brighten up the chances of the opposition alliance on account of a positive interplay of social and political factors, wherein the Ajit Singh-led RLD added a thick section of Jats to the social base of SP and BSP—the Muslims and Jatav Dalits, constituting a demographic majority in the second phase in Braj region of western Uttar Pradesh—the demography is evenly distributed in favour of both alliances, with BJP expected to do better than the first phase.

However, in the third phase, when voting takes place for 10 seats on April 23, the demographic preponderance of Yadavs and Muslims in combination with Jatav Dalits spells trouble for the saffron party. The constituencies of Firozabad, Mainpuri, Eta, Badayun, Aonla and Sambhal have thick Yadav, Jatav and Muslim presence, while Moradabad, Rampur, Bareilly and Pilibhit have a large Muslim and Dalit base. Despite the Modi wave in 2014, the Samajwadi Party retained Firozabad, Mainpuri and Badayun seats on account of conducive demography.

The BJP faces imminent defeat in Firozabad, Mainpuri, Badayun, Sambhal, Moradabad and Rampur, while in Eta, Aonla and Bareilly, a close contest is expected, with Pilibhit being the only comfortable seat, where Varun Gandhi is contesting after shifting from Sultanpur.

More than the demographic arithmetic, it's the positive chemistry between the social support base of SP and BSP that is giving the alliance momentum. In debates on whether the decades-old socio-political antagonism between the core support bases of SP and the BSP-dominant intermediary caste of Yadavs and politically assertive Dalits and Jatav-Chamars would respond to the alliance between Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati, the assumption was that while BSP has the ability to transfer its Dalit vote to the ally, the same isn't true of SP. But I found in my fieldwork that not only are Yadavs and Jatav Dalits transferring each other's vote to the alliance candidates, they are even spirited in their support to each other. In many villages in the region with a mixed population of both castes, a newly emerged bonhomie was witnessed. The primary reason behind this was a shared sense of tangible loss in the wake of BJP's prominence. To both Jatav Dalits and Yadavs, the two and a half decades of political dominance of SP and BSP signified their centrality in the power configuration in UP.

This political psychology had its tangible dimension wherein during SP rule, institutions of state like the profile of SHOs at police stations, and members of various government committees and commissions etc, hailed from the Yadav caste in good numbers. Also, the community's share in local governmental contracts was also substantial. Similarly, during BSP's rule, the Jatav Dalits enjoyed a sense of relatedness to the corridors of power. Besides, despite the electoral decline of the Congress in UP, Muslims felt comfortable with either. This led to a sense of political marginalisation among a section of upper castes, non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits.

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Political analyst associated with People's Pulse

With the BJP assuming political preponderance since 2014, while the support base of SP-BSP nurtured a sense of marginalisation, the upper castes, non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits feel a sense of proximity to power as they have more representation in the legislature, the executive and other bodies. It is this sense of loss that has created a positive chemistry between the Yadavs, Jatav Dalits, and Muslims to offer support to alliance candidates. This bonhomie between the Yadavs, Jatavs and Muslims has counterbalanced a similar chemistry between upper castes, non-Yadav OBCs and a section of non-Jatav Dalits.

Since the Lok Sabha constituencies going to polls in the third phase have demographic dominance of Yadavs, Jatavs and Muslims, the opposition alliance is placed better. The BJP would find it hard to match the demographic weight behind the Mahagathbandhan.

However, any hasty conclusion about the electoral fate of the BJP in the third phase in UP would be erroneous, as in the fourth and fifth phases, when 27 constituencies will vote, the demographic configuration will be in favour of the saffron party.

Giants step out to get inked

Voting to be held in crucial constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE country goes into the third phase of polling, involving 116 constituencies, on Tuesday, with some of the biggest political names in north India contesting seats in the cow belt.

All 26 seats in Gujarat will see voting, including Gandhinagar, where BJP president Amit Shah, having replaced veteran LK Advani, is contesting for the first time. A total of 4,51,52,373 voters are eligible to cast their vote across all the 26 Lok Sabha constituencies, where 371 candidates are in the fray. The BJP had won all the 26 seats in the state in the 2014 general elections.

The lone seat of Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir will see the first phase of three-phased polling, with PDP chief and erstwhile BJP ally Mehbooba Mufti locked in a contest with state Congress president GA Mir, while 10 seats are up for grabs in the heartland of NCP across Marathwada and coastal Maharashtra, where Sujay Vikhe Patil in Ahmednagar and Sharad Pawar's daughter, the MP from Baramati, are facing tough fights.

West Bengal's crucial constituencies of Maldah south and north, besides Murshidabad and Jangipur, where former President Pranab Mukherjee's son Abhijit is contesting, will see nail-biting contests. The Bengal fight on five seats would involve some 56,76,325 electors, with 394 companies of security forces to conduct the polls. While the NDA is banking on consolidation of Hindu votes and a split in the minority share, the Trinamool is hoping to maximise its sway. The big fight is in Congress legacy-laden Malda (North) seat as the sitting MP defected to Trinamool and is contesting from the same constituency against her cousin, fielded by the Congress.

In Chattisgarh, with the BJP replacing all 10 sitting MPs with fresh faces after its huge loss in the Assembly poll, it is facing some rebellion, but the Congress too has fielded fresh faces, making the battle evener. With a no-wave election scene this time, the BJP, after a wipe-out in the Assembly polls in 2018, is heavily banking on Modi's magic on the 7 seats involved. A pro-change mood in favour of Congress and a subtle undercurrent against the BJP, largely owing to the fatigue that came from its 15 years in power, led to the BJP's loss in the Assembly polls.

In Bihar, the main fight is at Madhepura in the Yadav heartland, where former NDA convenor Sharad Yadav is an RJD candidate. In Supaul, Ranjeet Ranjan of Congress faces an uphill battle, with the polls at Jhanjharpur, Araria and Jhanjharpur being crucial in the ultimate analysis. There are 82 candidates and 89,09,263 voters, including 42,44,284 women.

The 10 UP seats involving 1.76 crore electors are involved in the most crucial phase, with seats like Moradabad, Rampur, Sambhal, Eta, Aonla, Bareilly and Pilibhit, Badaun, Manipuri and Firozabad up for grabs. Nationalism post-airstrikes, the Modi factor, impact of Central welfare schemes like the PM housing scheme, Ujjwala, rural electrification, Ayushman Bharat and PM-KISAN, and toilets are most prominent here, with the opposition Gathbandhan expected to score better arithmetically. Some 207 companies of paramilitary forces, 75 companies of Provincial Armed Constabulary, and the state police force will be on guard, with Varun Gandhi at Pilibhit, Azam Khan and Jaya Prada at Rampur and Shivpal Yadav at Firozabad being involved in the big contests.

Five constituencies—Gauhati, Barpeta, Dhubri, Kokrajhar (all in Assam) and Tripura East in Tripura—will go to the last phase, but all eyes are on the Gauhati seat, where two 'queens' are up against each other. The Congress's Bobbeeta Sharma had won the first "Miss Northeast" beauty pageant held in 1988. The BJP candidate is Queen Ojha, which is her name. While the Congress is hoping to cash in on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016, the BJP has played the development card.

(inputs from Prasanta Mazumdar, Ejaz Kaiser, Rajesh K Thakur, Pranab Mandal, Fayaz Wani, Abhijit Mulye, Namita Bajpai)

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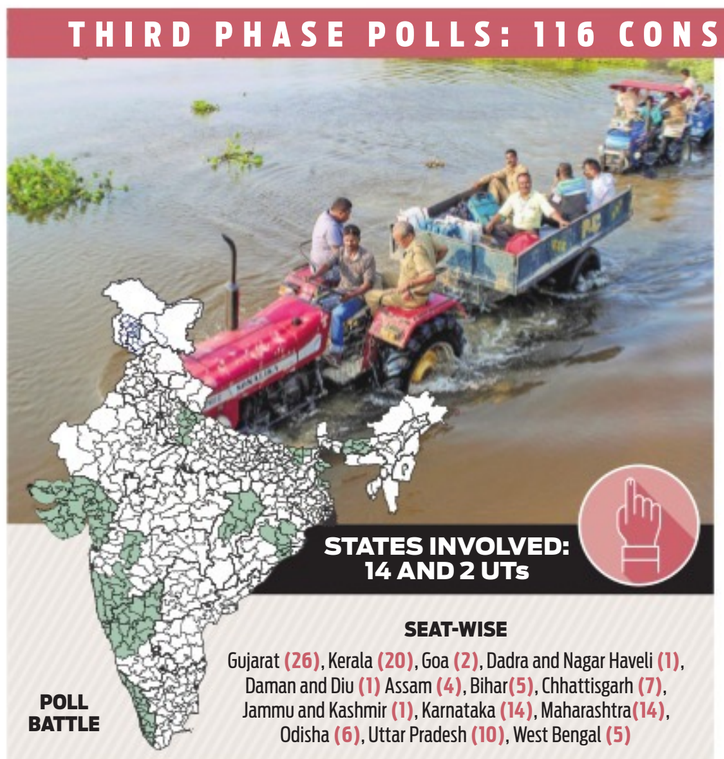
THIRD PHASE POLLS: 116 CONSTITUENCIES



SEAT-WISE

Gujarat (26), Kerala (20), Goa (2), Dadra and Nagar Haveli (1), Daman and Diu (1) Assam (4), Bihar(5), Chhattisgarh (7), Jammu and Kashmir (1), Karnataka (14), Maharashtra(14), Odisha (6), Uttar Pradesh (10), West Bengal (5)

MAIN CONTESTANTS

BJP chief Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat), Congress president Rahul Gandhi (Wayanad, Kerala), Samajwadi Party patron Mulayam Singh Yadav (Mainpuri, UP), Supriya Sule (Baramati, Maharashtra), Sujay Vikhe Patil (Ahmednagar, Maharashtra), Mallikarjun Kharge (Kalburgi, Karnataka) B Y Raghavendra Vs Madhu Bangarappa (Shimogga, Karnataka), Azam Khan Vs Jaya Prada (Rampur), Union Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar (Bareilly, UP) Varun Gandhi (Pilibhit, UP), Mehbooba Mufti, PDP chief Vs state Congress chief G A Mir (Anantnag, J & K) and Sharad Yadav (Madhepura, Bihar)

Will Mr Jaitley please explain why infiltration, number of infiltrators and number of casualties (civilian and security forces) in 2018 are the highest under the BJP government?

P Chidambaram, Congress leader

RAHUL RESUMES ATTACK ON MODI

Lucknow: Having apologised on the one hand to the Supreme Court for his remarks regarding its ruling on the Rafale fighter jet deal, on the other hand, Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Monday resumed his attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing rallies in UP, including in Amethi and Rae Bareli. Rahul's entire narrative revolved around PM Modi over a series of issues, including Rafale, farmers' debt, unemployment, and alleged favours the "PM's cronies".

FIR LODGED AGAINST KANHAIYA

Patna: The Begusarai police on Monday lodged an FIR against CPI candidate and former president of JNU Students Union, Kanhaiya Kumar, and 11 other, besides 100 unknown persons, in connection with a clash that allegedly occurred between the supporters of Kumar and local youths during a roadshow on Sunday evening. Kumar is pitted against BJP candidate Giriraj Singh and RJD candidate Tanvir Ahmand in the Begusarai constituency.

PRAKASH RAJ LAUDS KANHAIYA KUMAR

Begusarai: "The people of marginalised and downtrodden sections in India are clamouring for a voice like that of former president of JNU Students Union, Kanhaiya Kumar, who is now contesting on a CPI ticket from here", said Bollywood actor Prakash Raj, on his arrival for campaigning for CPI candidate Kanhaiya Kumar on Sunday. "I have come to campaign for Kanhaiya Kumar, who has emerged as a hope of millions of poor people", he said.

JAYA PRADA

Azam's son kicks up row with remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

AFTER Azam Khan was muzzled by the Election Commission for his unpleasant comments about Jaya Prada, the BJP's Rampur candidate, his son Abdullah has kicked up a fresh row by calling her 'Anarkali'.

Reacting, Jaya Prada said it showed the level of regard the father-son duo had for women. "Like father, like son. Azam had called me Amrapali, Abdullah Anarakali ," said Jaya.

Abdullah Azam took a jibe at Jaya Prada at a public rally on Sunday, saying: "Ali bhi hamarey, Bajrang Bali bhi hamarey, lekin 'Anarkali' nahi chahiye (Both Ali and Bajrang Bali are ours, but we don't want Anarkali)." As the legend goes, Anarkali was a courtesan in Mughal emperor Akbar's court.

"I always considered him my son. I had not expected this from him, as I perceived him as an educated man. It shows how father and son regard a woman in society. His father called me Anarkali and now he has made the same comment," Jaya Prada said in Rampur.

EC sends suspended IAS officer to home cadre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE IAS officer suspended while on poll duty in Sambalpur, Odisha, for allegedly ordering checking of the prime minister's helicopter, has been sent to his home cadre, Karnataka.

An order from the Election Commission read, "It is further directed that the headquarters of Mohammed Mohsin (KN 1996) will be the office of the chief electoral officer, Karnataka, Bangaluru in place of Sambalpur, Odisha, with immediate effect." The order came on Monday.

The Commission had last week suspended its general observer for Sambalpur for violating its instructions on SPG protectees. Mohammed Mohsin had tried to check some luggage in the convoy of the prime minister last Tuesday.

Thereafter, the IAS officer was placed under suspension. However, the suspension order led to sharp remarks from various quarters, with many political parties hitting out at the poll panel.

Rahul Gandhi has lost credibility, says BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday claimed that Congress president Rahul Gandhi had lost his credibility in the wake of the Opposition leader expressing regret to the Supreme Court over his "Chowkidar Chor hai" remark against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the Congress president was making a politically convenient argument to escape the wrath of the Supreme Court.

"I feel sorry that president of the national party like Congress depends on falsehood. His credibility has already taken a beating," claimed Sitharaman, while speaking to reporters at the BJP headquarters.

The minister referred to Congress president Rahul Gandhi's regret for his "chowkidar chor hai" remarks. "I would definitely want to say that it is a matter of credibility which is what gets hit badly. Rahul Gandhi's credibility has already taken a beating and he has lost his credibility by saying anything based on untruth and falsehood. I feel sorry that a president of the national party like Congress depends on falsehood," added Sitharaman.

The minister also slammed former Union minister P Chidambaram over his remark that India should change its behaviour towards Pakistan. "What is the behavioural change they (Congress) want us to do? Do they want us to take action on terrorism or compromise on our national security? Do they want Government of India to state that Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory, much against the resolutions in Parliament and our stated position?" asked Sitharaman.

The minister also wondered why a senior (Congress) leader had said that India's position had to change. "It is up to the Congress to clarify on promises made in the manifesto, which calls for AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Power Act) to be withdrawn or to be diluted much before creating a conducive atmosphere," added Sitharaman.

Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman during a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

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Tiger killed in Sunderbans

A Royal Bengal Tiger was found dead with a snare around its waist in the Sunderbans recently, and forest officials suspect poachers killed the animal. A team of forest officials was attacked when they raided a village in the area while searching for suspected poachers. It was the first reported tiger death in the Sunderbans in four years, and the first unnatural death of a tiger there since 2008. Commercial poaching is almost absent in the area because of the unpredictable terrain.

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KOLKATA DIARY

Court: Bank can't deny loan over Aadhaar

The Calcutta High Court has ruled in favour of a woman without fingers on her left hand who had approached it after a bank refused to sanction a bank loan for her as she had failed to provide her Aadhaar card. The woman told the bank officials that she had lost her fingers in an explosion, but the officials refused to pay heed to her plight. Impressions of 10 fingers are required to be eligible to get an Aaadhaar card, and her application was rejected by the authorities. The woman moved the high court last week and the judge ruled that the bank could not reject her application just because she had not produced her Aadhaar card.

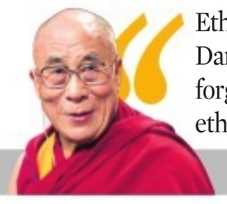
Flyovers to end commuters' woes

The daily commute in Kolkata will be put on the fast track soon as the state government has decided to construct four more flyovers in the city. The thoroughfares in the city get choked during peak traffic hours. A three-kilometre-long flyover from Ultadanga to Girish Park, with an arm from Kankurgachi, will come up because the present road remains choked with slow-moving vehicles. Three other flyovers would be constructed at Sector V in Salt Lake, Ruby Crossing on EM Bypass, and at Jadavpur.

JU alumni association to open US chapter

The alumni association of Jadavpur University has decided to start a chapter in the US on the lines of one run by former students of IIT Kharagpur. The association of IIT Kharagpur gives students and researchers scholarships for pursuing higher studies in the US. The JU alumni foundation will be headquartered in California. The foundation, in association with the alumni chapter on the JU campus, would screen students based on their performance in courses they have pursued at the university, the details of the internship or project, and the profile of the host institute.

EDITORIAL



Ethics is as crucial to a politician as it is to a religious practitioner. Dangerous consequences will follow when politicians and rulers forget moral principles. Whether we believe in God or karma, ethics is the foundation of every religion

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

AAP MAY REPENT MESSING UP GATHBANDHAN

It's now certain that Delhi will witness a tri-cornered contest for all seven Lok Sabha seats as the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) failed to cobble together an alliance with the Congress. The bumbling AAP Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's my-way-or-the-highway approach ensured there could be no honourable deal with the Congress, though it was well known that a fracture in the opposition would give the BJP a huge advantage. While the Congress wanted at least three seats, the AAP was prepared to give only two in a standalone Delhi deal. To part with three seats, the AAP wanted pacts in Haryana, Punjab and Goa as well, which the Congress was not prepared to concede. The Congress' claim for three seats was based on its performance in the local body elections, where it did fairly well. Also, remember it was the ruling party in Delhi till late 2013 with Sheila Dikshit heading the government for three successive terms until the Kejriwal phenomenon happened. He swallowed a large chunk of the Congress vote bank, much like the BJP ate up the Congress votes in Tripura to register a landslide there, but the grand old party has since made a smart recovery in the Capital. And the Kerjiwal aura is fading.

On balance, the Congress appeared to be more accommodative that the AAP, since it kept a window open till the very last moment despite state unit chief Sheila Dikshit's bitter opposition to the deal. But AAP's cowboy approach to the whole process and its name-calling itch made it look like a really bad customer. The push for the alliance started when Congress president Rahul Gandhi met Kejriwal at NCP chief Sharad Pawar's residence in Delhi a few weeks ago. The formula at that time was 3-3 with one going to an independent. Kejriwal later jacked it up to 4-3 and got Rahul on board. But the AAP boss was not done yet, as he added other states to the basket. Sources said the Congress was prepared to give three seats to the AAP in Haryana, but the latter reneged. Kejriwal ought to realise that the politics of brinkmanship does not always pay. If the BJP sweeps Delhi, he will have only himself to blame

POLL VIOLENCE, NEW NORMAL IN ODISHA?

Blood is being spilled on the streets of Odisha as the state scripts many firsts this poll season. Veering from its hitherto peaceful premise, the state, which has emerged as a high-stakes political battlefield in the 2019 elections, seems to have taken the war quite literally as poll violence has been unleashed in many regions. At least three murders and scores of incidents of violence, including organised attacks on political adversaries, have been reported even as the state is set to complete the third phase of elections on Tuesday with the last to be held on April 29.

On March 25, the state was rocked by the gruesome murder of Ramachandra Behera, an independent candidate in the 2014 polls, who was all set to join the BJD in Keonjhar, over political enmity. A BJP mandal president in Khurda, close to Bhubaneswar, was subsequently gunned down with the party accusing the ruling BJD of the murder. In the last two days, violence has reached its peak. Congress state president Niranjan Patnaik and other party workers sustained injuries after they were attacked in Keonjhar. In Bhubaneswar too, there has been an unprecedented spurt in poll violence marked by bomb attacks on offices and candidates belonging to both the BJP and BJD. And former minister and BJD strongman Pradip Maharathy was arrested on Monday for attacking Election Commission officials, who had gone to inspect his farmhouse in Pipili for illegal stashing of cash and liquor.

Odisha is not West Bengal, UP, Bihar or Andhra Pradesh where poll violence is prevalent. But this time, the state appears to be brazenly moving in that direction. And all three major parties are trading charges. The signs are certainly ominous for the state that has upheld high standards of political civility over the years. This journey down the slippery slope might prove to be very costly. The onus is thus on leaders cutting across political parties to protect and preserve the values of the democracy.

OPINION

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With top contenders in every seat spending huge sums of money, the democratic process is now out of bounds for the average citizen

MONEY POWER DAMAGING OUR DEMOCRACY

AMIT BANDRE

Although the use of muscle power to capture booths and intimidate voters belonging to vulnerable social groups has drastically come down in recent years, the percentage of candidates with criminal records still remains a matter of concern. But the bigger worry is money power. During a recent tour of some constituencies in Karnataka, this writer heard from political leaders and those in the know that in most constituencies, candidates have to spend upwards of ₹20 crore to be in the reckoning. There was also near unanimity that some candidates in the old Mysore area had spent over ₹100 crore! With top contenders in every Lok Sabha seat spending phenomenal sums of money, the democratic process is now out-of-bounds for the average citizen.

National Election watch (NEW) and Association for Democratic Rights (ADR) have been providing detailed analysis of the information provided by candidates in their sworn affidavits while filing their nominations. Their analysis of the 521 members of the outgoing Lok Sabha based on their affidavits should be a matter of deep concern.

The NEW-ADR analysis found that 174 of the 521 MPs had declared that criminal cases were pending against them, constituting one-third of the Lok Sabha. Further, among them, 106 MPs (20 per cent) were facing serious criminal cases like murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, communal disharmony etc. Thirty five per cent of the MPs belonging to the BJP and 16 per cent of the Congress and AIADMK MPs in the outgoing Lok Sabha have criminal backgrounds. However, the Shiv Sena topped the list. About 83 per cent of this party's MPs have criminal records.

As regards the financial muscle of candidates, the survey showed that of the 521 sitting MPs, 430 (83 per cent) were crorepatis in 2014 and they had average assets of ₹14.72 crore. About 87 per cent of the BJP MPs are crorepatis, as against 82 per cent in the Congress and 78 per cent in the AIADMK. The average assets of BJP MPs was ₹12 crore, while that of Congress MPs was ₹15.47 crore.

A recent report by NEW-ADR after examining the affidavits of candidates in the fray in the first two phases of the current Lok Sabha election is also revealing. Of the 2,923 candidates, the NEW-ADR analysis of 2,856 affidavits shows that 464 have criminal records constituting 16 per cent of the total. Of them 313 candidates have serious criminal cases. As regards the net worth of candidates, 824 of them—29 per cent—are crorepatis and they have, on an average, assets of over ₹5 crore. However, this is the average of 2,856 candidates. The net worth of successful candidates will be much, much higher when you look at the amount of money being spent in each constituency.

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A comparison of criminal records of outgoing MPs and candidates in this election shows that the new House will have its share of such individuals. What do we do with the fact that one-third of our MPs have criminal records and 20 per cent of them are facing serious criminal cases like murder, attempt to murder and kidnapping? This needs to be reversed and the best way to do it is to bar all those against whom serious criminal charges have been framed in a court of law from contesting elections until they are acquitted. In order to prevent vindictive prosecution, the courts must dispose of these cases on a priority basis as recommended by the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution which was headed by former CJI, M N Venkatachalaiah.

Five decades ago, there would be large-scale violence during elections in the country. States like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were notorious for booth capturing. Prominent candidates in the fray would have their own armed gangs to disrupt polling in booths which were not favourable to them. The gangs would open fire, chase away officials, capture booths and burn the paper ballots. This is now a thing of the past.

But the other big issue—money power—has reached monstrous proportions. Although muscle power has been brought under control, spending in elections has gone completely out of control and the Election Commission appears to be totally helpless despite huge deployment of observers and seizure of cash, gold, liquor and drugs meant for bribing voters. In the first two phases of this election, the Election Commission has already seized close to ₹700 crore in cash, liquor worth ₹218 crore and drugs and narcotics worth ₹1,152 crore. They have also seized gold and precious metals worth over ₹500 crore. Although this is unprecedented, this is still the tip of the iceberg.

Having travelled in some states and heard reports of voter bribing, one can safely say that although the EC has raised the permissible expenditure in a Lok Sabha constituency in the larger states to ₹70 lakh, the spending is upwards of ₹20 crore per candidate. Thus, if we have two main contenders for each of the 543 elected seats in the Lok Sabha, the candidates and their parties would have splurged over ₹20,000 crore, mostly to bribe voters, in this election.

With feudal, caste-based political families loaded with such huge, ill-gotten resources playing the game, democracy is becoming a no-entry zone for the average citizen. The EC must come face-to-face with this reality and find ways to stop the bribing of voters. Failing which, democracy will be reduced to an absolute farce.

WHO ARE SRI LANKA'S CHRISTIANS?

At least 200 people have been killed in several coordinated bomb attacks on churches and hotels in Sri Lanka

Priest from Goa spread Catholicism

- It was Portuguese colonialism that opened the door for Roman Catholicism into the island nation
- Later, when the Dutch and the Dutch East India Company displaced the Portuguese, Roman Catholicism spread through the efforts of St. Joseph Vaz
- Vaz was a priest from Goa, Portugal's colony in India, and arrived in Sri Lanka in 1687. Popular folklore credits Vaz with a number of miracles, such as bringing rain during a drought and taming a rogue elephant

WHEN GOVT TOOK OVER CHURCH SCHOOLS

By 1948, when Sri Lanka gained independence from Great Britain, Catholics had established a distinct identity

But tensions rose in 1960 when the Sri Lankan government compromised the Catholic Church's independence by taking over church schools

In 1962, there was an attempted coup by Catholic and Protestant Sri Lankan army officers to overthrow the government of the then prime minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, allegedly in response to increased Buddhist presence in the military

Civil War divides Christians

The 25-year-long Sri Lankan Civil War, starting in 1983, divided the Catholic community. The rebels included Catholics in military positions. But, the Sri Lankan army also had Christian members. Catholic bishops from Tamil and Sinhalese areas could not develop a coherent response to the conflict. They would not even agree on a ceasefire during Christmas

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Watching out for bomb blasts in Lanka

ON THE WAR FRONT

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Serendip, the old name of Sri Lanka, before Ceylon, was the word that gave the English language 'serendipity'. The word means the occurrence of beneficial happenings by chance. But certain events that occurred during my official trips to the island many years ago made me feel like I was watching a Hitchcock thriller. The jolt (read blast) would come when you had least expected it.

Samar, our institution's Sri Lanka manager, made it a point to receive me at the Katunayake airport and drive me to the hotel in Galle Face. While driving, he would keep his ears pricked up for the sound of a distant bomb blast, or the blare of an ambulance or a fire engine, both meaning trouble. After the 1983 riots, when we were travelling towards the city, he asked if I would like to stop for chowmein and banana fritters at the Chinese restaurant, just as we did during the previous trip. When I nodded eagerly, he said gravely, "We can't, because it had been razed to the ground by a bomb, the next day of our visit. Had we chosen to eat the next day, people will be referring to us in past tense."

Once, a mechanic from our firm, while passing through Sri Lankan immigration was enquired about a blue packet in his suitcase. Without second thoughts he said, "Balm, sir." The official was shocked, armed security guards rushed in. I stepped in to do damage control. "What he meant was a balm, a pain balm for his migraine. Not a country or cluster bomb." With abundant caution, I opened the pack and allowed the official to sniff it. He did so cautiously and backtracked, crestfallen at his faux pas.

Never will I forget my departure from the Katunayake airport that summer night, when Samar and his wife came to see me off. Suddenly, Samar's wife snatched the boarding card from me and walked away. "Not by this flight. You postpone the trip," she said sternly after spotting a few Tamil leaders travelling in the same flight. I said if my call came from the Headquarters above, none could prevent it. Nothing happened to me. I am still alive since there was no bomb on the flight. But not so lucky were the hundreds who were killed and hurt by terrorists in Lanka on Sunday. The attackers, brainwashed by invisible players, have targeted innocent men, women and even children. Phew!

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Even LTTE days did not see such gruesome attacks

As someone who has lived in Sri Lanka for more than a decade as a senior expatriate official during the peak days of the civil war between the government and the LTTE, I have witnessed many bomb blasts. However, I have never seen something as gruesome as the blasts that targeted the churches and hotels on Easter day. The attacks seem to be well-planned and executed with precision, utilising a severe laxity in security arrangements.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Attacks should concern us

Sunday's terrorist attacks that left hundreds dead are despicable and heart-wrenching. The attacks are a matter of grave concern for us since it happened in country so close to our borders.

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Reminiscent of civil war era

Reports of serial blasts in Sri Lankan churches and hotels are heartbreaking. The attacks are a reminder that terrorism is one of the most pressing challenges facing us. In terms of barbarity, Sunday's massacre must rank alongside some of the most gruesome incidents the country witnessed during its decades-long civil war between the LTTE and the Lankan government.

Venkata Sai Praveen, Singapore

We must join hands against terror

The attacks are a crime against the entire humanity, not just the people of Sri Lanka. The world community must partake in the sufferings of the people of the island nation. We must collectively respond to the challenge of terrorism that threaten all of us.

Niranjan Sahoo, Bhubaneswar

Poignant photos from Lanka

The photographs of a blood-smeared statue of Christ and the inconsolably wailing kin of the victims taken moments after the Easter day tragedy in Lanka are poignant. These appalling attacks underscore the destructive energy spawned by hatred.

David Milton, Maruthancode

Priyanka's interest in Varanasi

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi has indicated her interest in contesting the Lok Sabha election from Varanasi. As of now, PM Narendra Modi is expected to easily win the constituency. However, if Priyanka is to contest from there, it would be too close to call. She has the charisma of Indira Gandhi. And thanks to her speeches that are issue-based and free of attacks on opponents, she has a considerable popularity

Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Turbulence in aviation sector

With the grounding of Jet Airways, India's aviation sector is passing through a turbulent time. Jet is the second major airways which had to discontinue services due to mounting debts. The ailing national carrier Air India is already in the ICU. The country's aviation sector is facing a bleak future with no easy way out.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Sadhvi Pragya's comments

Nomination of Sadhvi Pragya as Lok Sabha candidate will disadvantage the BJP in the ongoing general elections. The party's decision defend her candidacy, despite her recent comments against ATF chief Hemant Karkare, will prove costly.

S Kamat, Goa

Fortune smiles on RCB

Royal Challengers Bengaluru must count themselves lucky to have emerged victorious by the skin of their teeth over Chennai Super Kings in a nail-biting thriller at the Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru. Defending 161, RCB had to contend with brilliant finisher, M S Dhoni. He managed to give the hosts a scare by scoring 84 runs off just 48 deliveries and almost took his team over the line. The win by a cat's whisker keeps RCB's chances of making it to the playoffs.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

One-man show at IPL

With his stunning performance against RCB, CSK captain M S Dhoni has sent a loud and clear message to his detractors that he still has the fire under his belly to turn the course of a match single-handedly.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

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The three — BJP as 'Ram' in the middle with 'Baam' (the Left Front) on its the left and 'Shyam' (Congress) sitting on the right side — are together
— Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

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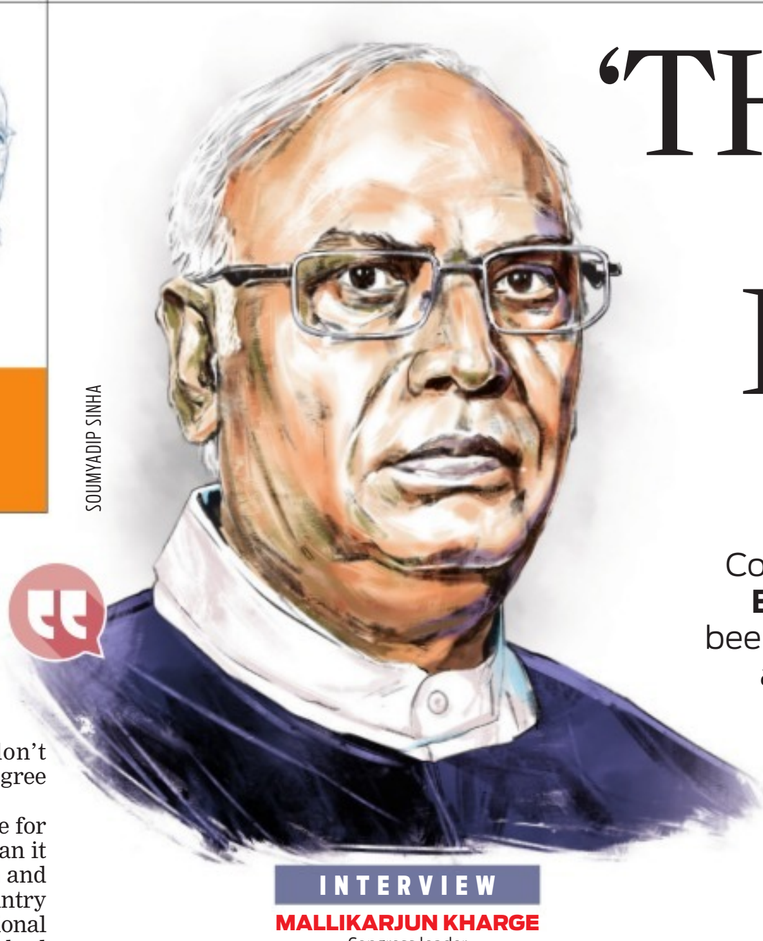
'THERE'S NO CONTEST BETWEEN PM & ME'

Congress' **Mallikarjun Kharge** tells **Santwana Bhattacharya** that contest in Kalaburagi has been over hyped. There cannot be a comparison as he is the MP and Narendra Modi is the PM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INTERVIEW
MALLIKARJUN KHARGE
Congress leader

It's (NYAY) a unique scheme, much thought and research has gone into it. The Congress does not believe in jumlanomics

INTERVIEW caught up with veteran Congress leader **Mallikarjun Kharge** in his home turf of Kalaburagi in Hyderabad-Karnataka, while he was on the last leg of his campaign. Up against a former protege, but more crucially against the formidable force of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rhetoric, Kharge's 12th outing at the hustings has certainly not been an easy one. Excerpts from his conversation with **Santwana Bhattacharya**:

This is being called one of the toughest elections you have faced in your entire career. You managed to hold your ground in 2014 against a massive Modi wave, but this time, post-Balakot, a different kind of undercurrent is at play. Has it almost become a direct Prime Minister versus Kharge contest in terms of narrative?

This is a kind of hype the media has created, building up 'Kharge's constituency' as a big fight. I know my constituents, each and every segment. They are my people, for whom I have done genuine development work, not *jumlas* — schools, colleges, university, hospital, roads, though some more needs to be done. And then the 2012 amendment — 371J for the people of Hyderabad-Karnataka — which gives them reservations in jobs and education, and other facilities. I don't think my people will disagree about the work done.

What has Mr Modi done for my region or state? How can it be a contest between him and me, he's the PM of the country and I'm an MP... as for national security, we in the UPA had similar surgical strikes but we did not publicise it. The thinking was different then, we don't think it's advisable to go to town about surgical or precision strikes on Pakistan, thereby making the tactical strategy of our armed forces apparent to our enemy and the world. How does it help in securing our borders, the civilian population along it or the lives of our jawans in transit, like in Pulwama? These are serious matters concerning a hostile neighbour. Should national security be trifled around with to score political points in an election? Is it not ridiculous to suggest one political dispensation is more concerned, tougher, and more nationalist than the other? The unity and integrity of India, the safety and security of its citizens, is equally important and dear to all of us — that cannot be a point of debate or sparring in an election.

Well, your current contest can be seen as a Congress vs Congress contest also! Your opponent, the BJP candidate Umesh Jadhav, was a Congress MLA till this February... the second rung of your party in your area joined the BJP because they felt there's no scope of growth (or a future) for them in the party...

This person you are talking about (Umesh Jadhav), do the people in the entire constituency even know who he is? He was an official in a government department under me. His father, a staunch Congressman, was known to me. Dharma Singh (late Congress CM and prominent North Karnataka leader) and I decided to encourage him, thinking we must get people from the backward communities into the political system. And what he has done for personal ambition...if he finds greener pastures, he will leave the BJP also.

But he's not the only one, others have also left. The accusation against you is of promoting dynasty...

That's another piece of propaganda. My son, Priyank (Kharge), was made a candidate in the Assembly election not by me but by the AICC committee. They chose him for reasons of representation, to increase faces from my community in the election — a community that has been with the Congress all through. Just check the development work he has done after being elected....

But it did not end there. He was made a minister, over other senior leaders from the same part of Karnataka.

That was also for purposes of representation in the Cabinet. No one else fulfilled the criterion he did...that's how a democratic set-up works. You can't leave a segment of the population unrepresented in the assembly or the government.

But Mr Modi has made dynastic politics an issue in the elections and the message has percolated down to the people....

The Prime Minister spends most of his time abusing the Congress party. It's an obsession with him. In electoral politics, you survive by the credible work you do, the political ideology you espouse and your connect with the people. A political family has the same rights as others to join politics and claim leadership positions. I came from a very humble background in the same town of Gulbarga, now Kalaburagi, to become a minister in the Centre, the Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha, that also happened in the Congress party! And I'm not the only one, many of us from the depressed classes, from a rural background, came into mainstream politics, gained national prominence through the Congress. Some went on to become Prime Ministers and Presidents of India. Those who seek to vilify the Congress want the people to believe otherwise. As if the world began with them!

The BJP followed a strategy of man-to-man marking, to surround prominent Congress and JD(S) leaders in Karnataka in such a manner that they got restricted to their constituencies. Now, the day of polling is upon you. Did the Congress not have a counter-strategy?

I know the Prime Minister does not want our voices to be in the Lok Sabha. He did not like the way I raised a whole lot of issues to corner the government, from natural security to women's security and the rights of the Dalits. Whether I'll be in the Lok Sabha or not is not dependent on the BJP strategy but the people's wishes—the choice the people make.

Speaking of people, never before has party manifestos been highlighted so much as in these elections. Both the BJP and the Congress has made a string of promises. Rahul Gandhi is repeatedly talking of NYAY. But has the message of a minimum income scheme reached the ground?

It's a unique scheme, much thought and research has gone into making the NYAY proposal. The Congress does not believe in *jumlanomics*. We are a responsible party. When we make a pitch for something, it means we have weighed the pros and cons.... But I do feel it would have been better if we had more time to take the message to the people.

Your critics, some economists among them, and of course the BJP, feel that NYAY is unviable. That it would either entail cutting of existing subsidies or increase tax burden....

The same critics said many such things on MNREGA. But what happened? There will always be naysayers. However, a discussion on people's livelihood issues is much better than the communal rhetoric of the BJP that vitiates the atmosphere. We want to make our points through policy proposals, they want to make a point by fielding the likes of Pragya Thakur.

Situation of the Congress in Rajasthan is so bad that the CM has given up on other seats and is going to every lane of Jodhpur just to protect his own dynasty.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

FIRE ON TRUCK CARRYING CURRENCY

A day before the first phase of the three-phase polling in Anantnag Lok Sabha seat in south Kashmir, a truck carrying currency notes caught fire on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway on Monday. Gurinderpal Singh, SSP Kulgam, said a truck on its way from Srinagar to Jammu caught fire near Panzath area of Qazigund at midnight. The driver and his helper had a narrow escape and locals rushed to the spot to extinguish the fire. The police have sent the currency notes for forensic test. Police have also quizzed the dealer, whose scrap was being transported.

RAJNATH SINGH IN HAZARIBAGH TODAY

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said India's stand against terrorism has been weakened on several occasions by the Congress party. Addressing a press conference in Jaipur, Singh said, "They (Congress) have given a new theory of Hindu terrorism. There is no religion or caste of terrorism. Their new theory weakened India's stand against terrorism." The Home Minister will visit Jharkhand on Tuesday and address Vijay Sankalp Rally at Hazaribagh, seeking votes for Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha, the BJP candidate for Hazaribagh LS constituency.

SHIBU SOREN FILES PAPERS FROM DUMKA

With an eye on Dumka Lok Sabha seat for the ninth time, former Jharkhand chief minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) chief Shibu Soren filed his nomination on Monday in the presence of son and party's executive president Hemant Soren, also a former chief minister of the state. Soren is the common candidate of the grand alliance. Jharkhand Water Resources Minister and All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) legislator Chandra Prakash Chaudhary also filed his nomination paper from Giridih Lok Sabha seat. The seat is currently held by the BJP.

ARMY DETERRED CHINA UNDER MODI: YOGI

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who had been reprimanded by Election Commission for referring to the Indian Army as '*Modiji ki Sena*', called on the Army, on Monday, to depict a strong India under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. He claimed that during the Congress rule, China used to enter Indian territory at will. "You have seen how strongly the NDA government has acted under Modiji's leadership at Doklam when China tried to enter Bhutan and capture territory. Indian soldiers did not allow it to enter..." he said while speaking at election rallies in West Bengal.

Maya lashes out at EC for not cancelling Sadhvi nomination

BJP candidate for Bhopal Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur arrives at district collectorate office to collect nomination papers, in Bhopal, on Monday | PTI

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER being muzzled by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for 48 hours over a vote appeal to Muslims in Saharanpur, BSP chief Mayawati on Monday questioned why the poll panel was not taking any action against BJP Bhopal candidate Sadhvi Pragya Thakur even after her comments have created huge controversies.

The BSP chief asked the EC why the nomination of the BJP candidate, an accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, has not been cancelled. EC had served two notices to the Sadhvi, one for her comments on former chief of Mumbai's Anti-Terrorism Squad Hemant Karkare while the other for her self-proclaimed involvement in the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in 1992.

On one hand, Mayawati accused the poll panel of lacking probity and acting with zero objectively, on the other the BSP chief held PM Narendra Modi responsible for the alleged 'fall in the integrity of country's institutions'. "Malegaon blast case accused and BJP candidate from Bhopal Sadhvi Pragya is claiming that she is contesting a 'dharm yuddh'. This is the real face of BJP/RSS which is being exposed continuously. But why is the Commission only issuing notices and not cancelling the nomination of BJP ratna (gem) Pragya?" Mayawati tweeted.

"If the Election Commission is not able to work in an impartial manner to the satisfaction of people despite severe criticism in the media, it is an issue of grave concern for democracy and no one else but BJP and PM Modi, who are surrounded by serious electoral allegations."

The Sadhvi is under fire for saying that Karkare died during the 26/11 terror attacks because she had cursed him for "torturing" her in custody when he probed the Malegaon blast.

SADHVI'S 'CURSE'

Pragya Thakur kicked off her poll campaign by attacking former ATS chief Hemant Karkare

I had cursed him that he would be finished

Inauspicious period started for Hemant Karkare when I was arrested

45 days
later he was killed, and that was the end of the inauspicious period

Shah defends decision to field Sadhvi, criticises Mamata

PRANAB MANDAL @ Kolkata

DEFENDING the BJP's decision to field Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur from Bhopal, an accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, party chief Amit Shah on Monday said she was falsely framed. "The real question is where are the culprits of the Samjhauta blast. Who are they? Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee should respond to all these questions," he said.

On the campaign trail in West Bengal's Uluberia in Howrah and Krishnanagar in Nadia, Shah demanded the Trinamool chief to clarify whether she too favoured a separate PM for J&K like her ally National Conference leader Omar Abdullah. Adding that his party will scrap Article 370 of the Constitution which grants special status to J&K and introduce National Register for Citizens across the country after returning to power.

INK MANE

A woman gets her hair styled for voter awareness ahead of the third phase of the LS polls, in Ahmedabad, Monday | PTI

In land of seven rivers, a mad dash for votes

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Khagaria

KHAGARIA constituency of Bihar is unique in many ways. Surrounded by seven rivers and managing to exist only due to a protective ring bundh (embankment), the constituency is mapped as being among the 250 most backward areas of the 640 districts of India.

The constituency is surrounded on all sides by Ganga to its south, Kamla Balan group of rivers to its west, Kosi and Burhi Gandak to its east, besides Kareh, Kali Kosi and Bagmati. Khagaria also has a welter of castes and sub-castes known as the Pachpaniyas (55 castes), making it difficult for candidates to assimilate them, thus making for tough campaigns.

"As such, it's not going to be easy either for LJP's sitting MP, NDA's Chaudhry Mehboob Ali Kaiser, from a Zamindar family of Sonbarsa area, or Mahagathbandhan candidate Mukesh Sahni — a Bollywood set designer," said Ravi Charan Yadav, a cattle owner.

He believes, only a split in votes like 2014 can help the NDA.

Khagaria has in past elections registered high turnout of female voters and this time, the candidates are wooing women assiduously. In 2014, the female voter turnout was 65% compared to 56.23% male voters.

At a jewellery shop in Khagaria town, Madhubala Devi, 45, who runs a private school in Beldaur, said women voters of Khagaria may be illiterate but vote on their own choice. "That's why, some time, even non-Yadav candidates tend to win," she said.

In 2014, Kaiser had defeated RJD candidate Krishna Yadav by a margin of 55,000 votes because of a major division in Yadav votes as JDU candidate Dinesh Chandra Yadav polled 2.20 lakh votes. "Mukesh Sahni, chief of VIP party, who is Mahagathbandhan candidate is locked in a fierce fight with Kaiser. So, our interest is low," admitted Pawan Yadav, 41, a chemist at Hasanpur. But then, Mukesh's Sahni caste aided by Mallah-Kewat's and fishermen enjoy huge clout among the Pachpaniya castes, which makes him a candidate in lead.

To consolidate Yadavs, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav has campaigned intensively and asked the voters to vote Sahni in order to help Lalu Prasad, lodged in jail in a fodder case.

From the NDA side, CM Nitish Kumar, Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, LJP Chief Ram Vilas Paswan, Chirag Paswan and many others have crisscrossed the constituency too.

16,53,928 Total electors

780525 Female voters

ASSEMBLY SEGMENTS
Khagaria, Alauli, Parbatta, Beldaur, Hasanpur and Simri Bakhtiyarpur.

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IN THE COURT OF THE 44th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl.Mis.No.1262/2019

Between: Sri. Manjunatha.K, S/o Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 26 years, Residing at No.76, 2nd Cross, Ramagondanahalli, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-64 ...**Petitioner**

AND

The Thasildar, Registrar of Birth and Deaths, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The Thasildar, Registrar Birth and Deaths, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru to register the death of Grand Father who was by name CHIKKA KEMPANNA S/o.Chikka nanjundappa, who was died on 06.09.2004 at No.76, 2nd Cross, Ramagondanahalli, Singanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-64 to issue death certificate in C.Mis. No.1262/2019.

Any person interested, and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 14.05.2019** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 29.03.2019

By Order of the Court Sheristedar 44th ACMM Court Bangalore City

Advocate for Petitioner

N.A.Madhusudan, K.Mamatha, Advocate
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IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.MISC.No. 1857/2018

BETWEEN: 1) SHAFIULLA .B, S/o Late. Baba Jan, aged about 50 years, R/at, No.30/59, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Srinivasa Temple, Maruthinagar, Madiwala, Bengaluru-68 ...**Petitioners**

AND: THE COMMISSIONER, REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS B.B.M.P, Bengaluru ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named petitioners have petition to this court under section 13(3) of Birth & Death Registration Act, for the grant of Death Certificate in favour of the petitioner's Brother on respect of death of Deceased named as MOHAMMED USMAN, S/o Late Baba Jan as he died on 28.11.2017 at No.30/59, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Srinivasa Temple, Maruthinagar, Madiwala, Bengaluru- 68.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on date at about **26.4.2019** at about 11.00 AM informed to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declare as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 16.4.2019 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XV A.C.M.M., Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to general public that my client **Sri JAYARAMAIAH.B.R S/o. late.Rangappa,** residing at No.7, 15th Cross, Hoysala Nagara, Sunkadakatte, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091 is the absolute owner of the property bearing **Middle Portion of Site No.19 and 20, Measuring 25 X 44 Feet,** formed in Sy/Assessment N0.77, Katha No.556, Situated at Byadarahalli, Herohalli Dhakle, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently BBMP Ward No. 72, Bangalore, he had lost last Sheet No.7 of previous original Sale deed, vide Document No.5689/2004-05, of Book-I, Dated. 12-05-2004, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengalore North Taluk, which was registered in the name of Sri.H.R.Dakshinamurthy S/o.H.K.Revanna from its previous Vendor Sri.K.V.Krishnamachar, K.V.Sheshachar and K.V.Shamachar Represented by their G.P.A holder Sri.L.Ramaswamy, while taking the Xerox copy on : 12-04-2019 at Sunkadakatte Bus stand then going to his residence in the middle of Road. If anybody found the above said document please contact/ handover to me or to my client. Except my client no one have any manner of rights, title, and interest in the respect of the above said property.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI. SHIVARAJ. S** S/o late. K.Siddaiah, residing at: Begamangala Village, Anchichettanahalli Post, Kasaba Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya Dist states that by misrepresentation and illegal way one SRI.V.KRISHNAMURTHY S/o late A.Venugopal, residing at No.9, Navodaya School Street, Srirama Nagara, Garvebhavipalya, Bangalore-68 had obtain Irrevocable GPA dated nil, notarized before the N.Shankar, Notary, Bangalore and hence my Client had Canceled GPA dated nil, executed by him in favour of Sri. V. Krishnamurthy, in respect of the Schedule Property, through Legal notice dated: 22/04/2019. Hence my client through this public notice intimates to the public that, not to deal with said Sri.V.Krishnamurthy, in respect of the said Schedule Property except my said client. My client will not hold responsible for the said transactions.

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O.A. No.227 / 2018

Between: **Karnataka Bank Ltd., R. T. Nagar Branch** ...**Applicant**
And:
Sri Venkatesh & another ...**Defendants**

Summons under Rule 23 (VIII) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 by way of paper publication

To : 1.Sri. Venkatesh A. S/o. Sri.Late Anand Ram Krishnappa.

2. Smt. Sharitha Venkatesh W/o. Sri. Venkatesh A. Both residing at Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor, G. K. Heritage, 40th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Opp. Syndicate Bank, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560082...**Defendants**

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 31A of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you, for recovery of a sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 a.m.** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on **15.07.2019** to answer the claim. 2. You are directed to collect the annexure on your appearance before the Tribunal. 3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement. 4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed. 5.Take notice that,in default of, your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **10.04.2019.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, BENGALURU
First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

O.A.No.599/18

BETWEEN:-
Andhra Bank,
South End Circle Branch (1599)
No.1, 6th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011. ...**Applicant**
-Vs-
Mr. Srinivasa Phani Kamesh Muruvada & 3 others ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(vii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1) Mr. Srinivasa Pahni Kamesh Maruvada, S/o Mr. M. Ramakrishna, No.8-5, Panchayath Lane, Lower Street, Peruru, Amalapuram Mandal, East Godhavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 533 218.

2) Mrs. Ramya Maruvada W/o Srinivasa Pahni Kamesh Maruvada, No.8-5, Panchayath Lane, Lower Street, Peruru, Amalapuram Mandal, East Godhavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 533 218.

3) M/s Prabhavathi Developers, a registered partnership firm office at: No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Vysya Bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 076.

4) M/s Prabhavathi Promoters, a registered partnership firm, Office at No: 768, 16th Main Road, MICO Layout, Opp. to Apollo Pharmacy, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 072.

Whereas, the Applicant named above has instituted an Application under Sec 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.29,06,033.80** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Six Thousand and Thirty Three Paise Eighty Only) with future interest, costs and such other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause on **22.05.2019 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a pleader / advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 19th day of February 2019.

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II,
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client/s intends to purchase property bearing Municipal No.56/2 and 56/3 in corporation Division 48, situated at 4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore 560027 measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 80 Ft in all measuring 2400 Sq.Ft along with common passage measuring East to West 10 Feet and North to South 50 Feet running North to south from Lalbagh Road IV cross and with a building constructed thereon and more fully described in the Schedule and hereinafter referred to as Schedule property from its owners Sri.Deepak Gupta s/o Late Sri.OmPrakash Gupta r/a No.2554, 28th Cross, 21st Main, Banashankarai 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560070.

Any person/ persons/ entities/ firms/ corporate's/ institutions/ financial institutions/Banks/NBFC's, claiming to have any right/title/interest in the schedule property in any manner or any objections for such alienation of the Schedule property, may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof **within 15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned, failing which, our clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule property and any claims thereafter will not be entertained and will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.56/2 and 56/3 in corporation Division 48, situated at 4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore 560027 measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 80 Ft in all measuring 2400 Sq.Ft along with common passage measuring East to West 10 Feet and North to South 50 Feet running North to south from Lalbagh Road IV cross together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the

East By : Private Property
West By : Private Property
North By : Private Property & Common passage measuring 10x50
South By : Private Property bearing No.45/1

Surendra.T. Bsc. LL.B, Advocate,
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सिंडिकेटबैंक SyndicateBank

Yeshwanthpur Branch : No.47, 1st Floor, Gopal Complex, S.C Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022

Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

In respect of loans availed from Syndicate Bank **Yeshwanthpura Branch,** Bangalore by below mentioned borrowers / surety / ies which have become NPA as mentioned below, we have already issued detailed demand notices under Sec.13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by Registered Post with acknowledgment due to you which were returned undelivered / Not Received by you.

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by you as per Sec.13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned below **within 60 days** from the date of issue of Demand Notices U/s 13(2) of the Act.

You are advised 1) to collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and returned / Not Received by you through Courier / Postal Authorities from the Syndicate Bank **Yeshwanthpura Branch,** Bangalore for more and complete details and 2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs, etc., within 60 days form the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI act.

(1) Borrower/s Guarantor: **(1) Smt.K T Nagarathna, W/o Sri.T Byalanjanappa, Surety/ies: (1) Sri Aravind B., S/o T Bailanjanappa, both are R/a** #73, Poojamma Anjineya Temple Road, Aluru, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 562162.

Nature of facility-Account Number: 04287830000293 Mortgage Loan

Sanctioned Limit: Rs.29.00,000/-

Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.23,67,787.74 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Seventy Four only) as on 31.12.2018 is due along with interest from 01.01.2019 and costs etc.

NPA: 31.12.2018 **Demand Notice Date: 01.01.2019**

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No.85, Situated at BBMP ward No.8, Bearing Municipal Khata No.45, Bagalgunte Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North, Measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 40ft, in all measuring 1200sq.ft. along with a residential property standing thereon. East by: Property of Puttamma, West by: Property of Muniraju, North by: Property of Lakshmamma, South by: Road.

Date : 22.04.2019
Place : Bangalore

Sd /- AUTHORISED OFFICER SYNDICATE BANK

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MARK TWAIN

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client/s intends to purchase property bearing Municipal No.45/1 PID No.48-37-45/1 in corporation Division 48, situated at 4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore 560027 measuring 2400 Sq Ft and with a building constructed thereon and more fully described in the Schedule and hereinafter referred to as Schedule property from its owners Sri.Deepak Gupta s/o Late Sri.OmPrakash Gupta r/a No.2554, 28th Cross, 21st Main, Banashankarai 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560070.

Any person/persons/ entities/ firms/ corporate's/ institutions/financial institutions/Banks/NBFC's, claiming to have any right/title/interest in the schedule property in any manner or any objections for such alienation of the Schedule property, may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof **within 15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned, failing which, our clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule property and any claims thereafter will not be entertained and will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.45/1 PID No.48-37-45/1 in corporation Division 48, situated at 4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore 560027 (formerly bearing Village Panchayat House No.K-1120 of Agrahara Thimmasnadra Village, KasabaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore) measuring East to West 85 Feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 2400 Sq.Ft out of 3400 Sq.Ft and consisting of 18 Squares of ACC Sheet Roofed house and bounded on

East By : Property No.52/1 & 52/2
West By : Remaining property of th Vendor thereafter Road
North By : Deepak Guptha's Property
South By : Private Property

Surendra.T., Bsc. LL.B Advocate,
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सिंडिकेटबैंक SyndicateBank

Basaveshwara (Millers) Road Branch No.4/2, SBT Complex, Basaveshwara (Millers) Road, Bangalore-560052.

Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

In respect of loans availed from Syndicate Bank **Basaveshwara (Millers) Road Branch,** Bangalore by below mentioned borrowers / surety / ies which have become NPA as mentioned below, we have already issued detailed demand notices under Sec.13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by Registered Post with acknowledgment due to you which were returned undelivered / Not Received by you.

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by you as per Sec.13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned below **within 60 days** from the date of issue of Demand Notices U/s 13(2) of the Act.

You are advised 1) to collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and returned / Not Received by you through Courier / Postal Authorities from the Syndicate Bank **Basaveshwara (Millers) Road Branch,** Bangalore for more and complete details and 2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs, etc., within 60 days form the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI act.

(1) Borrower/s Guarantor: **(1) Late Kumaran M S/o Mohanraj Legal Heir to Late Kumaran Smt. Sudhasini, (2) Smt.Sudhasini K,** W/o Late Kumaran M, Both are Residing at No. 142, 4TH Main, Sampige Layout, Navakar Medical, Bangalore-560079

Nature of facility-Account Number: 04489730000239

Sanctioned Limit: Rs.53,70,000/-

Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.54,00,001.06 (Fifty Four Lakhs One Rupees and Paise Six only) is due along with interest from 01.04.2019 and costs etc.

NPA: 30.03.2019 **Demand Notice Date: 04.04.2019**

Description of Property: All that piece and parcel pertaining to the southern portion of the property bearing site No.43, carved out of converted property under Sy.No.26/8 (out of layout formed in Sy.Nos.21/1, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 26/8, 26/9, 27/2, 27/3, 29, 30/1 and 30/2) layout formed by the Karnataka State Government D Group Employees Centre Sangh (Regd.), Srigandhadakaval village, yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 36.5 + 40)/2 and North to South (29+27)/2, in all measuring 1071 Sq. Ft, along with RCC roofed residential building standing thereon and Bounded on the :- East by: Property bearing site No.40 and 40-A. West by: Road. North by: Northern portion of the property bearing site No.43, belonging to Smt Gajalakshmi T. South by: Property bearing site No.42 and 41-A.

Date : 22.04.2019
Place : Bangalore

Sd /- AUTHORISED OFFICER SYNDICATE BANK

THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Satge, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.Phone : 2332 1923, 2332 8735, 23520466

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **29/01/2019** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. Chandrashekar L** S/o Late Lakshmaiah **2) Mrs. Channa Lakshmi** W/o Chandarashekar L both are residing at No.10, 5th Cross, Srigandhanagara, Srigandadakavalu, Bangalore-560091. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.23,54,901/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred One Only) as on **17/01/2019** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **20th day of April of the year 2019.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Rajajinagar, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs.23,54,901/-(Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred One Only) as on 17/01/2019** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.10, carved out of Sy. No. 101, Srigandhadakavalu, katha No.10/101, 5th Cross, Srigandhanagar, Sunkadhakatte, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.70(T. Dasarahalli), Bangalore. Measuring East to West 40feet and North to South 30feet.Bounded By: East : Property No.16, West : Road, North: Property No.9, South: Property No.11.

Date : 20.04.2019
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I NO.4, I FLOOR, JEEVAN MANGAL BUILDING, RESIDENCY ROAD, BANGALURU-560025
O. A. No. 421/ 2018

BETWEEN : Canara Bank, Peenya Branch, Peenya, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560058 ...**Applicant**

AND : 1. M/S BALAJI COLOR KARTONS
A Partnership Firm, Having its office at, No.74/2, 19th Cross "Doddanna Industrial Estate" Vishwaneedham post, Near Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560090.
A Partnership Firm represented by its Partners:
2. SRI. CHANDRASHEKHAR HEGDE, Partner of M/S Balaji Color Kartons, No.12, "Shristi", 3rd Main, 8th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore.
3. SRI. RAVEESH BHAT, Partner of M/S Balaji Color Kartons, No.982, 5th Cross, Havanoor Extension, Bangalore-560023
4. SRI. SRINIVASA PRASAD, Partner of M/S Balaji Color Kartons, No.1041, 18th "C"Main, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.
5. SRI. VINYA KUMAR.A. Partner of M/S Balaji Color Kartons, No.20, Padma, 2nd Cross, Amruthnagar, Hebbal, Bangalore. ...**Defendants**

Summons issued to the Defendant Under Rule 23 (VIII) of The Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 by paper publication

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs. 43,76,716.70p** together with interest and for other relief's. The above mentioned Defendant is required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate to show cause **on 17.07.2019 at 11.00 .a.m.** as to Why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **16th day of April 2019.**

By order of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

HDFC House, # 51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore- 560001.

HDFC
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED.,

Tel: 41183000/232 Fax:080-22275754, E-mail: customercare.bang@hdfc.com
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai-400 020. INDIA.
Corporate Identity Number: L70100MH1977PLC019916

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s)/Legal heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) Legal heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Description of Immovable property / Secured Asset
1.	**Mr.Dinanand Adapala (Borrower) and Mrs.Jayalakshmi Adapala (Co-Borrower)**	**1) Loan A/c No.622360800 Rs.1,83,38,171/- 2) Loan A/c No.366215550 Rs.41,71,896/- Total Amount Rs.2,25,10,067/- Due as on 31.12.2018** **Date of Demand Notice** 22.01.2019 **Date of Possession Notice** 22.04.2019	**Schedule"A":** All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property bearing Sy. No87/1, situated at Seegehalli Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 4Acres 12 guntas and **Bounded by: On the East:** Property belonging to Sri. Krishnappa, **On the West:** 80' State Highway, **On the North:** Property belonging to Mr. Muddukrishachari, **On the South:** Property belonging to Mr. Narayanappa and Mr. B.V Jagannath. **Schedule "B":** All that piece and parcel of immovable property being **Site No:38 and Type: Opal** formed on the Schedule A Property measuring 2200 sft. The site is **Bounded by: On the East:** Site No.37, **On the West:** Site No 39, **On the North:** 30 feet Road, **On the South:** Property belonging to Mr. Narayanappa and Mr. B.V Jagannath. **Schedule "C":** Residential Villa No:38 **'WHITEFIELD BOULEV ARD'** known as **'GRANGE'** on the Schedule B Property by the Seegehalli Village Gram Panchayat, consisting of living cum dining room bedrooms, kitchen batrooms, balconies, toilets, ect., Together with common areas and facilities attributable thereto with a super built up area of **3166 sft.**

With further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realization.

However, since the Name of Borrower(s) Legal heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s) mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) mentioned herein above in particular and to the public in general that the Authorized Officer of **HDFC** have taken Physical Possession of the immovable property (ies) /secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The Borrower(s) mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable property(ies) /Secured Asset and any dealings with the said Immovable property(ies)/ secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.** Borrower(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panachanma drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is /are requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 22.04.2019

Sd/-
Authorized Officer Of HDFC LIMITED
Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No : 69(1)/EE/HCD/2019/106-H **Dated : 22.04.2019**

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Hubli Central Division, CPWD, Hubballi (Phone No. 0836-2232009) invites on behalf of President of India **online Composite percentage rates bids** from approved and eligible Contractors of CPWD for the following works.

Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Com-letion	Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid
NIT No.: 01/HCD/SE/e-Tender/2019-20 Construction of 1 No. 180 Men barracks for CRPF, Torali, Belgaum. SH: Building portion including internal water supply, sanitary installations, drainage, development work, Providing IEI & fans, Lightning conductor, fire extinguishers Etc.	Rs. 6,92,85,343/- [Rs. 6,49,16,697/- (C) + Rs. 43,68,646/-(E)]	Rs.13,85,707/-	300 Days	Up to 3.00 PM on 06.05.2019

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from website www.tenderwizard.com / CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in

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Zonal Office: Bangalore North, # 1/1, Ground Floor, ,"Jeevan Sampige ", 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical (as mentioned in the schedule) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Corporation Bank (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Corporation Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch name and address: Yelahanka Branch: No.111, Subbaiah Arcade, B B Road, Opposite To Post Office , Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064

Name & address of the Borrower and Guarantor/s	**1(a) Mr N Sham Sunder,** S/o – Mr K Nagaraju,No.1933, 16th B Cross, 9th B Main Road, 'B'Sector, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North,Bangalore – 560064, Also At : #2274, Near Hoyasala Ground, 21st B Cross, KHB Colony, 3rd Stage, Yelahanka New Town,Bangalore – 560064 **1(b) Mrs S Radha,W/o – Mr N Sham Sunder,** No.1933, 16th B Cross, 9th B Main Road, 'B'Sector, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560064 **Also At :** #2274, Near Hoyasala Ground, 21st B Cross, KHB Colony, 3rd Stage, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560064.	**Amount due :Rs.12,02,905.17** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Two Thousand Nine Hundred Five and Paisa Seventeen Only) +interest, cost & expenses.

Property No. 1 : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY (under constructive possession)

Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property): All That Piece and Parcel of Immovable property Bearing House No. 1933 -EWS, 3rd Phase , B-Sector, 9th 'B'Main Road, 16th 'B' Cross Road, Yelahanka New Town Extension, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064 measuring East to West : 9.00 metres and North to South : 3.20 Metres. Total Area : 28.80 Square Metres or 310 Square Feet with House and bounded on: East – By Site No. 1928, West – By Road, North – By Site No. 1932, South – By Site No. 1934.

Date & Time of E-Auction : On 29.05.2019 at 11.00 AM – 11.50 AM. Reserve Price : Rs. 2500000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only)

Earnest money to be deposited : 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, Corporation Bank, Yelahanka Branch by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account No.510101000873011 and IFSC Code- CORP0000075.

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/n_sham_sunder.pdf

Date: 22.04.2019
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Corporation Bank

The National Co-operative Bank Ltd,

Administrative Office, No.73/1, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 22421998, 26619955, 22420819, 22421999, 26618092
Email: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantors/s in particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., taken possession under the provisions of Section 13(4) and Rule 8 (6) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, will be sold in Public Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc, as detailed below by adopting any of the methods mentioned in Rule 8(5)of the above rules. The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** and as such the sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities.

1) Name of borrower & mortgagors and guarantors / sureties	**1. Sri. Uday M, the borrower &** **2. Smt. Usha R K** **3. Sri. Sumukh M - the guarantors/sureties** **All residing at No. 463, 64th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, BENGALURU- 85.**
Date, time and Place of Auction	**10.05.2019 at 11.30 AM The National Co. Op. Bank Ltd., Admn. Office, Gandhi Bazar. Bengaluru.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.17,50,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Thousand only)**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 1,75,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakh only)**
Bid Increment by	**Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees: Ten Thousand only)**
Debt due including interest as on 31.03.2019 plus future interest from 01.04.2019 and charges, costs, etc	**Rs. 2,14,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Forteen Lakh Only)**
Date and Time of inspection of properties for intending bidders/ purchasers	**On week days between 10.00 A M to 5.00 P M till 09.05.2019**

Description Of Property

All that piece and parcel of the Property belonging to Sri. Uday M, bearing No.: 463, 64th Cross, 17th Main, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010, measuring East to West: 32 Sq. Ft and North to South 40 Sq. Ft totally measuring 1280 Sq. ft with building measuring 2550 Sq. Ft and **Bounded on as follows: East by :** Premises No 462 , **West by :** Premises No 464 , **North by :** 64th Cross Road, **South by :** Private Property (Formerly Government Primary School. Premises No. 396

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION SALE:

1. For participating in auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of Reserve Price by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "04232660000011- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "KKBK0000423" BANK: Kotak Mahendra Bank, Branch :Basavanagudi** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd," payable at Bangalore so as to reach us on or before **10.05.2019**by **10.30 AM**. The intending bidders have to submit copy of ID and address proof and PAN Card to the Authorized Officer, The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Bangalore-560004. The EMDwill not carry any interest
2. The property "SHALL NOT BE SOLD" below the Reserve Price.
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder, and the balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "04232660000011- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "KKBK0000423" BANK: Kotak Mahindra Bank,Branch :Basavanagudi** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore.
4. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of auction , the sale shall be treated as cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited.
5. The property is put for sale on the condition **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS " and " NO RECOURSE"** basis. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, Ownership, Statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. The Bidder has to bear the Registration Charges, Stamp Duty, Cess, Sales Tax (if applicable) and any other statutory dues or other dues like Municipal Tax, Electricity Charges, Land use conversion charges, Society Charges, Maintenance Charges, Akrama/Sakrama and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates and any outgoings relating to the property.
6. General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders.
7. This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) of the aforesaid loan dues about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full.
8. The Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the bid without assigning any reasons.
9. The Authorised Offcer is presumed to have information about the mortgaged property. However, Authrised Officer is not responsible for any wrong information which has not come to his notice.

Note: The intending bidders may contact Mr.Kishore Narasimha.- Branch Manager, The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Sadashivanagar Nagar Branch, Bangalore-560004 on Mobile No. 9901913718 for ascertaining the details of property and Contact Mr. Jagadeesh, J.P.Security Services, Bangalore On Mob No.9590130002, & Mr. Naveen Kumar Mob No: 8549009988 for inspection of property.

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 22.04.2019

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

$100 mln a month

The Arab League has pledged to pay Palestinians, after Israel blocked tax transfers earlier in the year

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	18	4	LC	Los Angeles	19	13	HR
Colombo	31	25	SNY	Melbourne	22	17	LC
Doha	24	14	SNY	Moscow	1	-11	LC
Dubai	23	17	LC	New York	0	-8	LC
Houston	11	3	LR	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	7	LC	Toronto	-7	-12	LC
London	13	9	LR	Washington	4	-7	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

TOKYO

Japan shops sell cans of air of outgoing era

With just days until Japan ushers in a new era with the crowning of a new emperor, one company is cashing in by selling cans containing "the air of the outgoing era" -- a breeze at $10. The can filled with "the air of Heisei" -- the 30-year reign of current Emperor Akihito -- hit the shelves on Monday at the ambitious price of 1,080 yen ($9.60).

LONDON

1,065 climate protestors arrested in UK last week

British police say more than 1,000 people have been arrested since mass climate change protests began in London one week ago. Police said Monday the arrest total stands at 1,065 since Extinction Rebellion set out to paralyze parts of central London to emphasize the need for sharp reductions in carbon use. Only 53 were charged with criminal offenses.

WASHINGTON

US judge refuses to free Chelsea Manning

A US judge kept Chelsea Manning locked up Monday for refusing to testify in the secret grand jury investigation of WikiLeaks, despite its founder Julian Assange having already been charged in the case. A panel of judges rejected Manning's appeal against her March 8 jailing for contempt after she refused to give testimony in the case.

BEIJING

Chinese tech giant Huawei's Q1 sales increase 39%

Chinese tech giant Huawei said Monday its revenue rose 39% over a year earlier in the latest quarter despite U.S. pressure on allies to shun its telecom technology as a security risk. Huawei, the biggest global maker of network equipment for phone and internet companies, reported revenue of $26.8 billion, for the first three months of the year.

LOS ANGELES

Abigail Disney calls CEO Iger's salary insane

Abigail Disney, the granddaughter of Disney co-founder Roy Oliver Disney, has termed studio chairman-CEO Bob Iger earning a whopping USD 65.6 million as total compensation for last fiscal year as "insane". Abigail said Disneyland employees have seen a reduction in benefits over time. In many cases, they are struggling to pay for needs like medicine.

BEIJING

China names new head of world's largest bank

China has named a new chief for Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd., the world's largest lender by assets, people with knowledge of the matter told Bloomberg. Chen Siqing, chairman of Bank of China Ltd., was appointed as party secretary of Beijing-based ICBC at an internal meeting on Monday. Chen is replacing Yi Huiman.

LONDON

Linkin Park talking about making new music: DJ

Joe Hahn, DJ of the iconic American rock band Linkin Park, has revealed the group is planning to make new music together. The music group, which features Mike Shinoda, Brad Delson, Dave Farrell, Hahn, and Rob Bourdon, went on a hiatus after the death of frontman Chester Bennington in 2017. The 42-year-old DJ said they are yet to set a deadline for the new album.

A CATHOLIC TOWN AT THE CENTER OF LANKA BOMB BLASTS MOURNS

Long called Little Rome, the town of Negombo lost at least 110 people in Easter Sunday attacks at St. Sebastian Church, making it the day's most deadly bombing.

3 children of Danish billionaire dead

Copenhagena: Danish billionaire Anders Holch Povlsen lost three of his four children in the Easter day attacks in Sri Lanka, a spokesman for his clothing retail group Bestseller said on Monday. Danish media have reported that Holch Povlsen, his wife Anne and their four children were in Sri Lanka on vacation at the moment of the attacks. Holch Povlsen is said to be Denmark's richest man.

Scared tourists flee Sri Lanka

Colombo: Tourists are scrambling to flee Sri Lanka and cancelling holidays after a string of deadly suicide blasts that have sparked concerns the lucrative tourism industry could be sent into a tailspin. German schoolteacher Martin Ewest arrived in the island nation two days ago, hoping for a peaceful holiday with his wife and 12-year-old daughter. But all that changed after the attacks.

COLOMBO

St. Sebastian's Church in Sri Lanka's Negombo city was packed when Nilantha Lakmal arrived with his wife and three daughters for Easter Mass.

The pews already full, the family joined dozens of others in the front garden, listening to the priest through the church's open doors.

From the corner of his eye, Lakmal saw a man with a large blue backpack walking quickly down the left-hand aisle of the 1940s Gothic-style church, patterned after the Reims Cathedral in France.

Within seconds, a bomb went off.

The seaside Sri Lankan fishing town, long called "Little Rome", a reference to its abundance of churches and its place at the center of the country's small Catholic community. became a town of mourning on Monday.

Small white flags flew in house after house near St. Sebastian's Church, a sign that someone who lived there had died. Groups of people visited, paying their respects.

At least 110 were killed at St. Sebastian's, said Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, making it the day's most deadly bombing.

Charles Fernando, 32, who was among the neighborhood residents walking between houses, pointed to a home where he said nearly everyone had been killed or injured.

"We had war for 30 years but there were no bomb blasts in Negombo," he said. "We will never forget this."

During Sri Lanka's long and bloody civil war, Negombo, about an hour north of the capital, Colombo, was largely spared the violence that raged elsewhere in the country. The war, which left some 100,000 people dead, ended in 2009.

"It is a safe haven for all," Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith said at a religious conference held in the town in 2016.

Catholicism is everywhere in Negombo, a town of about 140,000 people with dozens of churches and perhaps hundreds of small roadside Catholic shrines. *AP*

Relatives weep near the coffin of 12-year Sneha Savindi in St. Sebastian Church | AP

Relatives carry a coffin for burial during the funerals of three members of the same family, who were killed in St. Sebastian Church in Negombo, Sri Lanka | AP

DNA of IS, Al-Qaeda present in Sri Lanka attacks, say experts

COLOMBO

SECURITY experts said on Monday that the coordinated Easter bombings in Sri Lanka bear the markings of jihadist groups, according to a media report.

"These synchronised attacks are out of the ordinary for Sri Lanka. Compared with similar attacks in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, it has the DNA of attacks carried out by Islamic State and Al-Qaeda," Alto Labetubun, an anti-terrorism expert who has researched the two groups for a decade, told news agency Reuters.

The agency also quoted an unamed "senior Asian counter-terrorism official" as saying the attack was likely carried out by a group with "significant operational capability and skilled commanders".

The Lankan government had already said that foreign errorist organisation were indicated in the attack, which they say was carried out by a little-known local Muslim group National Thowheed Jamath.

Separately, for members of Sri Lanka's Muslim community, it's no surprise that National Thowheed Jamath is being blamed.

Hilmy Ahamed, vice president of the Muslim Council of Sri Lanka, said he warned military intelligence officials about the group and its leaders about three years ago.

"Targeting the non-Muslim community is something they encourage -- they say you have to kill them in the name of religion," Ahamed said in a phone interview from Colombo on Monday. "I personally have gone and handed over all the documents three years ago, giving names and details of all these people. They have sat on it. That's the tragedy."

The National Thowheed Jamath has broken up into various groups as individual leaders pursued separate funding sources, Ahamed said. Not all members of the group were radicalized, Ahmad added. *AGENCIES*

Interpol sends team to help investigate suicide attacks

LYON

INTERPOL is deploying a team of investigators, including experts in disaster victim identification, to Sri Lanka to help local authorities in the aftermath of deadly suicide bomb blasts that killed nearly 300 people, the international police organisation said Monday.

Interpol said it was deploying an Incident Response Team (IRT) at the request of the Sri Lanka authorities, including specialists with expertise in crime scene examination, explosives, counter-terror and victim identification.

"If required, additional expertise in digital forensics, biometrics, as well as photo and video analysis will also be added to the team on the ground," it added.

Interpol Secretary General Juergen Stock said the organisation will "continue to provide whatever support is necessary."

"Information to help identify individuals linked to these attacks could come from anywhere in the world, which is where Interpol's global network and databases can prove vital, especially for officers on the ground," he said. The death toll from Sunday's attacks rose dramatically Monday to 290 in the country's worst attacks for over a decade.

Over 500 people were injured in the assault that saw suicide bombers hit three hotels and three churches. *AFP*

POWER HANDOVER

Talks between Sudanese and military rulers break down

KHARTOUM

TENSIONS escalated in Sudan on Monday after talks broke down between protesters and the country's military rulers, who called for the reopening of roads blocked by sit-ins established during the uprising that drove President Omar al-Bashir from power.

The protesters, who have been rallying outside the military headquarters in Khartoum since April 6, have demanded a swift handover of power to civilians. A military council has ruled since al-Bashir was forced from office on April 11 after nearly four months of mass protests against his 30-year rule.

The military council issued a statement Monday calling for the "immediate opening of the roads and removal of the barricades" around the sit-in in Khartoum. It asked that other roads, closed by similar protests across the country, also be opened. The Sudanese Professionals Association, which has led the protests, vowed to carry on with their sit-in. The umbrella of professional unions called for a march Tuesday and mass rallies on Thursday, when it plans to announce its own civilian transitional council in a challenge to the military.

Large crowds gathered outside the military headquarters overnight, singing and dancing as protest leaders delivered fiery speeches. Qurashi Diefallah, a protester, said the army is "just an extension of the regime, which stole 30 years from us."

The organizers on Sunday suspended talks with the military council, saying it had failed to meet their demands for an immediate transfer to a civilian government.

Spokesman Mohammed al-Amin Abdel Aziz said the military council "is delaying its response to our proposals..." *AP*

Tesla gears up for fully self-driving cars amid scepticism

Tesla CEO Elon Musk appears poised to transform the company's electric cars into driverless vehicles in a risky bid to realize a bold vision that he has been floating for years. The technology required to make that quantum leap is scheduled to be shown off to Tesla investors Monday at the company's headquarters

60 companies in the US alone are developing autonomous vehicles. Some are aiming to have their cars begin carrying people in small areas this year

FULLY AUTONOMOUS

Musk has indicated Tesla cars should be able to navigate congested highways and city streets without a human behind the wheel by 2019

10 years it will take for these cars to be widespread use, experts believe

"It's all hype," said Steven E. Shladover, a retired research engineer at the University of California who has been involved in efforts to create autonomous driving for 45 years. "The technology does not exist to do what he is claiming."

PROBLEMS WITH MUSK'S STATEMENTS

Musk's description of Tesla's controls as "Full Self-Driving" has alarmed some observers who think it will give owners a false sense of security and create potentially lethal situations in conditions that the autonomous cars can't handle

SOURCE: AP

TESLA VS COMPETITION

360° sensors

Tesla vehicles equipped for full autonomy will rely on eight cameras that cover 360 degrees, front-facing radar and short-range ultrasonic sensors. It's not known how many will have the full self-driving technology

3D Mapping

Other companies, including Google's Waymo, use cameras and radar covering 360 degrees, and also have light beam sensors called Lidar to the mix as a third sensor, as well as detailed 3D mapping

10 mn hours

careful humans can drive without making a mistake leading to a fatal crash, but cars without full redundant sensors cannot

100% safety?

Even Lidar doesn't guarantee 100 percent safety. Waymo last year backed off of a pledge to run a robotaxi service in Phoenix without human backup drivers for safety reasons. And an Uber autonomous test vehicle with Lidar as well as a human backup driver ran down and killed a pedestrian last year in Tempe, Arizona, the first known death involving self-driving technology

Ukraine elects comedian who played president on TV as its new leader

KIEV

Ukraine leapt into the unknown Monday after comedian Volodymyr Zelensky was elected president on promises of change but with just a vague blueprint of what he might do as leader.

Zelensky, whose previous experience in the world of politics was playing the president on TV, trounced incumbent Petro Poroshenko in a stinging rebuke to the establishment fuelled by anger over war and social injustice.

Ukrainians looked to the future with hope and anxiety after the performer took 73 percent of the vote on Sunday, according to nearly complete official results.

The star of "Servant of the People", a sitcom now in its third season, has vowed to pursue the pro-European course set out by his predecessor. But Zelensky has also said he wants to improve ties with arch-enemy Russia.

On election night he appeared to taunt the Kremlin however, when he told people in fellow post-Soviet countries that "everything is possible."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday it was "too early to talk about President Putin congratulating Mr Zelensky, or about the possibility of working together."

Ties between Ukraine and Russia were shredded after a bloody uprising ousted a Kremlin-backed regime in 2014, prompting Moscow to annex Crimea and support insurgents in a conflict that has claimed around 13,000 lives.

On the streets of Kiev, many praised the elections as a fair and peaceful transfer of power after popular uprisings of 2004 and 2014. *AFP*

Volodymyr Zelensky | AP

Moscow hesitant to welcome Zelensky

Moscow: Russia's reaction to comedian Volodymyr Zelensky's poll win in Ukraine has been mixed, with the Kremlin refusing to congratulate him but others seeing an opportunity to improve ties after Moscow's annexation of Crimea. The countries have been at loggerheads since a bloody uprising in Ukrainian capital Kiev ousted a Kremlin-backed regime in 2014.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1 AT BANGALORE

Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st Floor & 2nd Floor
No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025

OA No 806 / 2018

Between:
Corporation Bank,
HRBR Layout Branch, Bangalore ...Applicant
AND
Mr B Nagaraj & Others ......Defendants

UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) OF RDDB AND FI ACT 1993 SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Whereas the applicant bank has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against defendants for the recovery of dues together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of service of this summons or on **16-07-2019 at 10.30 am** in presence or through an Advocate or duly Authorized agent duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this seal of this tribunal on this **15/04/2019**

Signature of the officer
Authorized to issue summons

To,
Defendant No. 3

Mr Chandra Shekar B
No. 686/1, 3rd Cross, Pipeline, Mathikere,
Bengaluru-560004

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE

No.4, I & II Floor, 'Jeevan Mangal', (LIC Building), Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.

Case No. O.A.1069/2018

Between: Corporation Bank ... Applicant
AND: Srinivasa Phani Kamesh .M & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS/ NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993,

DEFENDANT No.1: SRINIVASA PHANI KAMESH.M, S/o Ramakrishna Maruvada, Represented by his GPA holder and brother MANI SHANKAR MARUVADA, S/o Ramakrishna Maruvada, No.8-5, Panchagat Lane, Lower Street, Peruru, Amalapuram Mandal, East Godavari Dist- 533 218, Andhra Pradesh.

DEFENDANT No.2: MANI SHANKAR MARUVADA, S/o Ramakrishna Maruvada, No.8-5, Panchagat Lane, Lower Street, Peruru, Amalapuram Mandal, East Godavari Dist- 533 218, Andhra Pradesh.

DEFENDANT No.3: KAMALAKAR REDDY .B, S/o Narasimha Reddy Byni, No.14-12, Karinipalli, Kothakota, Chittoor- 517 112, Andhra Pradesh.

DEFENDANT No.4: PRABHAVATHI BUILDERS, No.105, 9th Main, S.R. Naidu Layout, Opp to Golden Park, Apartments, Hongasandra, Bengaluru- 68.

Whereas, the application has instituted an Application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,11,83,090/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand and Ninety Only)** together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Tribunal to show Causes on the **5.7.2019** at 11.30 A.M. in person or by a pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 22.4.2019.

By order of the Tribunal, The Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Shri G. Kasinath S/o Shri A. Gangadhara Rao, aged about 81 years, R/at No. 1718, Oak Park Court, Tarpon Springs, Florida-34689, U.S.A had Constituted his younger brother Shri G. Lakshminarayana, S/o Late A.Gangadhara Rao, R/at 'Ganga Lakshmi' 1601, 3rd A Cross, 2nd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru, as his General Power of Attorney which is dated 04.01.1991 and registered as document No.221 of 1998-99 in Volume 312 of Book 1 between pages 97 and 102 in the Office of Sub Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru with powers to deal with the affairs of my client. My client hereby revokes, cancel and terminate the said General Power of Attorney dated 04.01.1999 and registered as document No.221 of 1998-99 in Volume 312 of Book 1 between pages 97 and 102 in the office of Sub Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru and said Shri G. Lakshminarayana is no longer the Attorney holder of my client. General Public are hereby notified/ Warned not deal with the said Shri G. Lakshminarayana in respect of the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that property consisting of house in Ground floor, First floor built over BDA Site No.1601 in Sarakki II Phase Extension, Bengaluru and presently the house site bearing Municipal Corporation No.1601, 3rd A Cross, 2nd Phase, J.P Nagar, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on the:- East by: Property bearing No.1595, West by: 3rd A Cross Road, North by: Property bearing No.1602, South by: Property bearing No.1600.

ANIL KUMAR .H, Advocate
No.159, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Vijayashree Layout, Mylsandra, Kengeri,
Bangalore- 59, Mob: 9886698898,
Dated: 22.4.2019.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that, my client is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment residential properties bearing Municipal No. 657, PID No.14-74-675, measuring East to West 62'.6" feet and North to South 56' feet, together with 12 square RCC Roofed residential Building and Property bearing Municipal No.675/1, PID No.14-74-675/1, measuring East to West 62'.6" feet and North to South 56' feet, together with 25 square RCC roofed residential building situated at, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru, having purchased the same under the sale deeds dated 24-05-2012, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nagarabhavi, as documents No. NGB-1-1609-2012-13 & NGB-1-1611-2012-13, respectively, stored in CD No. NGBD-168. My clients predecessors-in-title, in an arrangement amongst their family members, a Released Deed came to be executed in their favour, on 10-12-2003, which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, as Document No. RJN-1-06013-2003-04, stored in CD No. RJND19. The execution of Release Deed was followed by a rectification to the said Release Deed as per Rectification Deed dated 29-12-2003, which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, as document No.RJN-1-06473-2003-04, stored in CD NO.RJND19. My client has lost/misplaced the Originals aforesaid Release Deed and the Rectification Deed, while travelling. In this regard my client has also lodged a Complaint with the Jurisdictional police. In case any person/s finds the following documents may kindly return it to the address mentioned below:-

Documents lost/Misplaced:-

1. Release Deed dated 10-12-2003, which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, as document No.RJN-1-06013-2003-04, stored in CD No. RJND19.
2. Rectification Deed dated 29-12-2003, which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, as document No. RJN-1-06473-2003-04, stored in CD No. RJND19.

K.S. UDAY, Advocate
No. 26/2, 1st Floor, Sri Krishna Building, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-02.
M: 9901290795

ANDHRA BANK

(A Government of India Undertaking)
BRANCH: MATHIKERE NO. 21 MSRE ROAD
MATHIKERE BANGALORE 560054 Tel No.080-22959737

POSSESSION NOTICE

(RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES 2002) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Andhra Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **01.02.2019** calling upon the borrower **Shri/ M/s RUKMINI K,KRISHNARAJU S**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 14,91,817.36** (Fourteen Lakh Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen and Thirty Six paise) within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **Twenty second day of April of the year 2019 .**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Properties: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of 1. Land and Building - Residential admeasuring approximately 975 Sq.ft situated at Site No:971,survey No:46,at Saneguruvana Halli Village, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded by East: Property of Sri Ramaiah &Sri Rangappa, West: Property of Sri Ramanna, North: Road, South:Property of Sri Mariyappa

Place: Bangalore
Date: 22.04.2019

Sd/- AGM/Chief Manager
& Authorized Officer, Andhra Bank

"APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited (CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029)** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and "without any recourse basis"** on **24th May 2019**, for recovery of **Rs. 1,86,21,820/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Only)** against **Loan Account No. HLAPBGM00213798** by way of Outstanding Principal, Arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **11.04.2019** along with applicable future interest in terms of the loan agreement w.e.f. **12.04.2019**; due to the Secured Creditor from **AURO POWER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED, BIMALJITENDRA AMIN AND SUBBARAJ.** The Reserve Price for the auction of the said Property is **Rs. 2,91,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety One Lakh(s) Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs. 29,10,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Ten Thousand Only)** i.e., 10% (Ten Percent) of the Reserve Price and shall be deposited through DD/RTGS/NEFT to the credit of, **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, AXIS BANK Account No, 915020015051137, MICR- 110211019, IFSC code UTIB0000131, Branch DLF, GURGAON[HR], GURGAON, 122009**, before submitting the tender online. The successful bidder shall pay a deposit of 25% of the amount of the Sale Price (less 10% amount paid with the Bid) at the time of acceptance of Bid i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day. Balance 75% of the Sale Price is required to be deposited within 15 days from the date of acceptance of the Bid.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEARING MUNICIPAL NO. 33, BBMP PID NO. 98-44-33, COMPRISING A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE CONSISTING OF GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS SITUATED AT SURVEY NO. 22 OF GANGENAHALLI VILLAGE , NOW KNOWN AS DENA BANK COLONY, 2ND MAIN ROAD , 2ND CROSS, GANGANAGAR, IN CORPORATION WARD NO. 98, BANGALORE, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 60 FEET, NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET, MEASURING IN TOTAL 2400 SQ FEET AND IS BOUNDED ON THE :

EAST BY	:	SITE NO. 47
WEST BY	:	30 FEET WIDE ROAD
NORTH BY	:	SITE NO. 32 AND
SOUTH BY	:	SITE NO. 34

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://eauction.npasource.com. and https://www.indiabullshomeloans.com.

Date: 12.04.2019
Place:BANGALORE, KARNATAKA

Sd/-
Authorized officer
Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

Canara Bank केनरा बैंक

Halasuru Branch #18, Cambridge Road,Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, Ph No: 080-25300243(D), 080-25555990(G)

NOTICE TO LEGAL HEIR TO THE DECEASED BORROWER/GUARANTOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

The undersigned, being the authorized officer of **Canara Bank, Halasuru Branch**, appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002, hereinafter referred to as the "Act" has already issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) issued this notice by registered post on 08.01.2019.

At the request of Dr.S Chaitanya Reddy (Deceased), ,Proprietor -M/s Syamala Hospital & Research Centre, Bank has extended credit facilities to M/s Syamala Hospital & Research Centre against secured assets through Halasuru Branch. The relevant particulars of the property of which the borrower has created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the account the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on 15/10/2018, in accordance with the directives/guidance issued by reserve Bank of India , consequent to the default committed by the borrower/gurantor in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon.

After the death of the borrower, as his legal heir & Guarantor , you are liable for the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to our bank by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of below mentioned amount with interest thereon.

(1)Name of the borrower: Dr.S Chaitanya Reddy (Deceased), Proprietor -M/s Syamala Hospital & Research Centre, Situated at # 17, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore 560008.

(2) Name of legal heirs to the deceased borrower:

a. Dr.Syamala Reddy W/o Late Dr.S G Reddy and Mother and Legal heir of Late Dr. S Chaitanya Reddy.

b. Sri. S Srinivas Reddy S/o Late Dr.S G Reddy and Brother and Legal heir of Dr. S Chaithanya Reddy S/o Late Dr.S G Reddy.

(3) Name of the Guarantor: Dr.Syamala Reddy W/o Late Dr.S G Reddy.

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 76,94,250 (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Ninety Four thousand Two hundred and Fifty) as on 31.12.2018 + interest rate at 14.35% p.a.

Schedule of the Property Mortgaged: Schedule of the property Mortgaged: Second Charge on all that part and parcel of Property standing in the name of Dr.(Late) S Chaitanya Reddy (Being the first charge on the property is with Vijaya Bank, Domlur Branch, Bengaluru) bearing site No 17/4, Old No.17/4 & 17/15 (Upstairs of 17/4) in premises No.17, measuring East to West 63 feet and North to south 55 feet Situated at Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore -560 008 ,bounded on : East by :Site No.17/3, West by : Cambridge Road Cross, North by : Cambridge Road, South by : Site No.17/4A half portion.

This property is mortgaged towards term loan availed by Dr. S Chaitanya Reddy as Pro-prietor of Syamala Hospital & Research Centre. Further first Charge on the property is with Vijaya Bank.

Date of NPA : 15.10.2018 **Demand Notice Date: 08.01.2019**
Nature of Facility :Term Loan **Ac No. 0791614000001**

Therefore, the bank hereby calls upon you as the legal heir/ guarantor, exercising its right under section 13(2) read with Section 13(11) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the as stated above borrower along with interest and other charges together with all incidental expenses, costs, charges etc there on, hereunder to the bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues from the said borrower.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the bank the aforesaid amount mentioned above with interest thereon, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13(2) of the Act, the bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (4)(b) of Section 13.

Attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

It is also put on notice that in terms of Section13 (13) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the bank. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ re-straint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the bank. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

Date: 22.04.2019
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

Corporation Bank

(A Premier Public Sector Bank)
Zonal Office: 5th Floor, Nithish Time Square, No.8, M.G.Road, Bangalore-01.
Ph No. 25598156, 25606722 / 225, Fax: 080-25599727,
Email: cb8803rec@corpbank.co.in, Website: www.corpbank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule Rule6(2) and 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property charged/mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession(as mentioned hereunder) of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Corporation Bank (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on dates mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Corporation Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

DOMLUR BRANCH,No. 294, 7th Cross, Domlur Layout Branch, Bengaluru-560071Ph: 080-25358831, 253582233. Email:cb0636@corpbank.co.in, Website: www.corpbank.com

Name & address of the Borrower and Guarantor/s	(1) **Mr.Jose Shahji**, S/o Jose George, No.5, 3rd Cross, Erappa Reddy Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalroe-560043, (2) **Mrs.Bhanupriya**, W/o Jose Shaji, No.5,3rd Cross, Erappa Reddy Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore- 560043	**Amount due : Rs.1, 84, 22,946.50** (Rupees One crore eighty four lakhs twenty two thousand nine hundred forty six and paise fifty only) plus interest, cost & expenses thereon.

Property No. 1 : Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing No.20, formerly known as 23, situated at 1st cross, Miller's Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046. Measuring East to West: 63+31+8.75+16.75/2 feet and North to South: 56+68/2 feet, Total measuring 3574 Sq.Ft, Bounded on: East By: Road known as 1st Cross, North By: Property No.24, West by: Private Property, South By: Property No.19.

Schedule 'B' Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Flat No.20/1, PID No.92/30/20/1, Ground Floor, Building named "SHAN-E-NOOR" constructed on schedule A property , having Super Built up area 1400 Sq Ft consisting of 2 Bed Rooms with attached bath Room, 1 Hall, 1 Kitchen and Proportionate Undivided Share along with 150 Sq.Ft of reserved Parking in Basement Floor along with Proportionate Undivided Share in the Schedule A Property.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 10.05.2019 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Incremental Value:Rs.1,00,000/-**

Reserve Price :Rs.86,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Only), Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.8,60,000/-, 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of **Corporation Bank, DOMLUR BRANCH,** by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account **No.510101003191711 and IFSC Code-CORP0000636. On or before 09.05.2019 before 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/jose_shahji__1.pdf**

Name & address of the Borrower and Guarantor/s	1) **Mr. Lukan P Mathew,** S/o P N Mathew, No.3, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, MES Road, Bahubali Nagar,Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013 2) **Mrs. Wilsy Mathew,** W/o Lukan P Mathew, No.3, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, MES Road, Bahubali Nagar,Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013	**Rs.1, 83, 44,315.00** (Rupees One crore eighty three lakhs forty four thousand three hundred fifteen only) plus interest, cost & expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLES PROPERTIES: Schdule 'A'Property All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing No 20, formerly known as 23, situated at 1st cross, Millars Road, Benson Town, Bangalore - 560046. Measuring East to West 63+31+8.75+16.75/2 feet and North to South 56+68/2 feet, Total measuring 3574 Sq.ft, bounded on : East By: Road known as 1st Cross,North By: Property No 24, West By: Private Property, South By: Property No 19.

Schdule 'B'Property: All that Piece and parcel of Residential Flat No 20, Ground Floor, PID No 92/30/20, building named "SHAN-E-NOOR" constructed on schedule A property, having Super Built up area 1400 Sq.ft consisting of 2 Bed Rooms with attached bath Room, 1 Hall, 1 Kitchen and Proportionate

Undivided Share in the area ofuse such as Stairc, Lobbies, entrance, permitted Terrace and other common ares of Use, along with 150 Sq.ft ofreserved Parking in Basement Floor along with Proportionate Undivided Share in the Schedule A Property equivalent to 360 Sq.ft.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 10.05.2019 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Incremental Value: Rs.1,00,000/-**

Reserve Price : Rs.86,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Only) , Earnest money to be deposited : Rs.8,60,000/- 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of **Corporation Bank, DOMLUR BRANCH,** by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account **No.510101003191711 and IFSC Code-CORP0000636. On or before 09.05.2019 before 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/lukan_p_mathew_1.pdf**

Name & address of the Borrower and Guarantor/s	1)**Mr. Srinivas S,** S/o Subbaiah, 2)**Mrs. Shwetha B S,**W/O Srinivas S, No 17/1, 2nd Floor,Mahendra Singh Layout, Beereshwara Nagar, Chunchagatta Main Road,Bangalore-560062.	**Rs.28, 69,759.75**(Rupees Twenty eight lakhs sixty nine thousand seven hundred fifty nine and paise seventy five only) plus interest, cost & expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLES PROPERTIES: All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing Site No 6, Khatha No 105, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the BBMP limits, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet totally 600 Sq.ft bounded on: East by: Site No 5, West by: Remaining portion of the same property, North by: Site No 11, South by: Road.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 10.05.2019 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Incremental Value: Rs.50,000/-**

Reserve Price : Rs.44,00,000.00 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Only), Earnest money to be deposited : 4,40,000/- 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of **Corporation Bank, DOMLUR BRANCH,** by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account **No.510101003191711 and IFSC Code-CORP0000636. On or before 09.05.2019 before 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/srinivas_s_2.pdf**

Branch name and address: J C ROAD BRANCH, No. 66/1 & 66/2, First Floor, Aruna Complex, J. C. Road, Bengaluru-560 002, Ph: 080-22220880, E-Mail: cb0251@corpbank.co.in

Name & address of Borrower and Guarantor/s	(1)**Videosonic Asia AV Integrated Solutions,** No 448, S A S Arcade, 3rd Floor, 3rd Main Mattikere, Bangalore-560054, (2) **ShivakumarGowda N** , S/O B Narasaiah No 45, 17th Cross, 13th Main, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560095, (3) **Prathima R,** D/O Rajanna R No 198/1, Sri RaghavendraKrupa, 16th Main, 27th Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560070, **Guarantor/Mortgager: (4) Deepak M R,** S/O M D Ramashetty, FF-3, 4TH Floor SGS High Land, BEML 5Th Stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bangalore-560098.	**Amount due :** Loan CSLPS 160001 **Rs. 2,05,44,675.99** DBC 6,27,454.50 DBC 6,27,454.50 Totally **Rs.2,17,99,584.99** (Rupees Two Crore Seventeen Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four and Paise Ninety Nine Only) Plus subsequent Interest, Cost & Expenses Thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLES PROPERTIES: All that piece and parcel of the scheduled property bearing vacant site No 5, Converted Land bearing Sy No 240/4, Vide conversion order No ALN(S)SR(K)177/2009-10, Dated 3/05/2010,situated at HALAGEVADERAHALLI VILLAGE ,KengeriHobli,Bangalore south taluk and the scheduled property now comes under the administrative jurisdiction and control of BBMP ,Ward no 160,Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Division, Bangalore vide BBMP Khatha No 1037/240/4 and measuring as follows East to West:70 Feet, North to South : 60 Feet, Totally Measuring 4200 Sq FT And Bounded as follows: East by: Road West by: Remaining portion of Sy NO 240/7, North by: 60 feet Road, South by: Site No 6.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 10.05.2019 - from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM **Incremental Value:Rs.1,00,000/-**

Reserve Price : Rs.2,08,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Eight Lakh Only), **Earnest money to be deposited : Rs: 20,80,000/-** 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of **Corporation Bank, J C Road Branch** , by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account **No.510101002999160 and IFSC Code-CORP0000251. On or before 09.05.2019 before 5.00 PM.**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/videosonic_asia_.pdf**

Branch name and address: SHIVAJINAGAR BRANCH, No.40/1, Lady Curzon Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001, Ph: 080-25591078, 25591693, E-Mail: cb0143@corpbank.co.in

Name & address of Borrower and Guarantor/s	**1. M/s SHIVA SAI INDUSTRIES AND TRADERS,** Represented by its Managing Partner Mr. P L Panduranga, Survey No.85, Uttari Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560082, **2. Mr. P L Panduranga,** No.55, Sai Kuteer K.N.S. Street, 7th Cross, 7th Main, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru – 560019. **3. Mrs. P Shwetha,** No.55, Sai Kuteer K.N.S. Street, 7th Cross, 7th Main, Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru – 560019.	**Amount due : Rs.9,98,35,429.52** (Rupees Nine Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and Fifty Two Paisa Only) +interest, cost & expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLES PROPERTIES: All that piece and parcel of the portion of the property measuring 1 acre 34 guntas in Sy.No.85 of Uttari Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, converted for Non-agricultural purposes as per order dated 08.08.2011, No.ALN (SU) SR/60/2011-12 of the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Property bearing Sy.No.113, North by: Property bearing Sy.No.113, South by : Remaining lands of the Property in Sy.No.85, measuring 2 acre 26 Guntas.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 10.05.2019 – 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM. **Incremental Value: Rs.1,00,000/-**

Reserve Price : Rs.7,79,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Only), **Earnest money to be deposited : Property No.1:Rs.77,90,000/-**,10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of **Corporation Bank, SHIVAJINAGAR Branch** by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to account **No.510101002815523 and IFSC Code-CORP0000143. On or before 09.05.2019 before 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://corpbank.com/sites/default/files/corpbank-page-files/tender/shiva_sai_industries__1.pdf**

Date: 22.04.2019
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Corporation Bank

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II,
Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002. # 044-42995000, 044-42995050

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.** In the meantime, M/s Equitas Housing Finance Limited., has amalgamated with M/s Equitas Finance Limited., as per the Scheme of Amalgamation sanctioned by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature, at Madras., in CP Nos:119 TO 121 OF 2016 vide its order dated 06-06-2016. By virtue of the said amalgamation, all the rights and liabilities of Equitas Housing Finance Limited stands vested in Equitas Finance Limited. This is to further inform you that under the certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies, Chennai, the name of M/s Equitas Finance Limited., was changed to M/s Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, and the Reserve Bank of India had issued a license dated 30-06-2016 to Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited to carry on the business of banking. The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan on account of which their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India . The borrower(s) have provided security of the immovable property/ies , the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrower/s to ESFB as on date are also indicated herein below. The borrower(s) as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ESFB, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrower(s) fail to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice,** the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property/ies described herein below.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) (NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
Branch: Hospet L.No:SEHUBLI0134394 Borrower: 1.Mallappa Co – Borrowers : 1.Mrs.Lashmavva	**12-01-2019 & Rs.5,69,940/-**	All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Schedule the property bearing ,G.P.Sl. No. 37, situated at Kanakapur Village, KanakapurGramaPnchayat, koppal Taluk, Hospet District, Bounded on the: North by:Remainig Property ;South by : Remainig Property; East by : Road;West by:MariyappaDarimani's House, Mariyappa; Measurement: Measuring East to west 70 feet and North to south 15 feet total area 1050 sq.feet. Situated at within the sub-Registration District of Koppal and Registration District of Koppal.
Branch: Central Bangalore L.No:EHLMSNRD0004401 Borrower: 1.Rajendren Co – Borrowers : 1.Mrs.Uma	**11-02-2019 & Rs.18,05,953/-**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No 96, Katha No.151, Old No.23/4/23/1/23/3 and 15, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahallihobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: On the Northern side 37.5 feet, on the Southern side 35.3 feet, and North to South: on the Eastern side 36 feet, western side 36.9 feet, in all measuring 1326.78 square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the, East by: Private Property; West by: Road;North by : Site No.97; South by: Private Property; In witness whereof, the party of the first Part has signed on the day, month and year first written above.
Branch: Peenya L.No:VLPHMSNR0000402 Borrower: 1. Sandhya Keshav Co – Borrowers : 1.Mr.Keshava	**14-01-2019 & Rs. 43,08,533/-**	All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being residential site No. 226 & 227, carved out of land in sy No 35 ,converted vide order No BDis ALN. SR(N) 28/1996-1997 date 25-07-1996 situated at kammagondanahalliYeshwantapuraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the administrative jurisdiction of dasarahalli City Municipal council, Bngalore presently within the limits of BBmp. Bounded on the: North by: Road;South by : Site No 225; East by : Site No 242 & 243;West by: Road; Measurement : Measuring East to West : 40 sq.feet and North to south 60 sq feet total area 2400 sq.feet.
Branch: Mallathali L.No:VLPHMSNR0000665 Borrower: 1. Radha Co – Borrowers : 1.Mr.Shankar	**14-01-2019 & Rs. 9,95,679/-**	All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No.2, Katha No 3394, Chikkagollarahatti village, gramathana Assessment No 32/1, Kodingeshallidakle, YeshwantahpuraHobi, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 40 ft and North to south: 30 ft, total measuring 1200 Sq.ft, together with 1 Square AC Sheet House. Bounded on the:North by: Property No 1; South by : Property No.3; East by : Private Property;West by: Road.

Date : 23.04.2019
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer,
Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited.

The Malleswaram Co-operative Bank Limited

Phone : 23342713 23341616
H.O:#102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003. E-mail: mcb_mall@yahoo.com
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By Registered Post with ACKNOWLEDGMENT DUE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) READ WITH SECTION 13(13) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT,2002

TO,

1. Mr.DEEPAK KUMAR B PATEL
S/o Bharath Patel
No.3 and 4, 16th Cross,
Ullala Road, Muneshwara Nagar,
Ullala, Bengaluru-560056

2. Mrs.VANDANA D PATEL
W/o Deepak Kumar B Patel
No.3 and 4, 16th Cross,
Ullala Road, Muneshwara Nagar,
Ullala, Bengaluru-560056

Dear Sir,
Reference:- Financial assistance sanctioned to you by The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd- Defaults committed by you in payment of instalments of principal, interest--- etc. Loan A/c No. 08001/3102

We **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** Here- in- after reffered as **"BANK"** had at your request granted to you Mortgage Loan by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the documents duly executed by you favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in Annexure-I.

As security for the said financial assistance you created security interest in favour of **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** interalia, by way of mortgage of immovable properties /guaranteed. The particulars of the secured are specifically mentioned in Annexure-II.

In terms for the agreements and documents entered into by you all with **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** you are required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said documents executed by you and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said documents executed by you. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular consequent to the default committed by you all in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon. Hence your Account was classified as Non-Performing Assets by Bank on **31/03/2019.**

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of section 13(2) of the securitization and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002(hereinafter referred as' the said Act') **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs.50,96,742/- [Rupees Fifty lakhs Ninety Six thousand Seven hundreden Forty Two Only]** together with further interest thereon and on is immediately due and payable.

In the premises we the Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank hereby call upon you 1 & 2 to pay to Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank within a period of sixty days from the date hereof the sum of **Rs.50,96,742/-[Rupees Fifty lakhs Ninety Six thousand Seven hundreden Forty Two Only]** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd** shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to the **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd** under the Act include(i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset (ii)take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of the secured asset by **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd** shall vest in the purchaser all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**

The notice is issued in terms of section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof. The notice has been issued without prejudice to the right of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings/action as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

Annexure-I

Sl No.	A/c No	Nature of facility	Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on repayable by you
1	**08001/3102**	**Mortgage Loan**	**49,00,000/-**	**Rs. 50,96,742/- plus interest from 01/04/2019 Plus other Charges**

Annexure-II
(Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower/co borrower)

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property Bearing BDA vacant Site No.2733, Layout formed by BDA, situated at 1st Block, L Sector, Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Layout, (Kannalli Village Sy. No.10), Bengaluru, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, site measuring East to West 12Mtrs. North to South 18 Mtrs, Total Area 216 Sq.Mtrs. And bounded as follows: East by: SITE NO.2734, West by: SITE NO.2732. North by: ROAD, South by: SITE NO.2746

Place:Bengaluru
Date :22-04-2019

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
495.10 ▼	Sensex	38,645.18	₹6 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹3,172	₹200 ▲	Per kg	₹40,500	▲	Dollar	69.66
158.35 ▼	Nifty	11,594.45	₹6 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹3,021	₹0.20 ▲	Per gm	₹40.50	▲	Euro	78.36

US SANCTIONS SPOOK MARKETS' WINNING STREAK

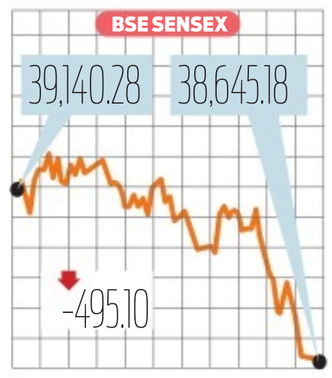
Sensex, Nifty indices hit as global crude prices touch six-month high; Sensex oil &gas index falls 3.2%; BPCL, HPCL among top losers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

GLOBAL crude oil prices climbed to a six-month high on Trump administration's refusal to extend sanction waivers to importers of Iranian oil, which includes India, affecting domestic equity and bond markets. Benchmark indices, which had climbed to an all-time high last week on strong foreign portfolio inflows and pre-election sentiments, got spooked by oil price outlook. Sensex and Nifty saw a sharp single-day correction, resuming from Thursday's trade to close at 38,645 (-495) and 11,594 (-158) respectively, down by around 1.3 per cent.

BSE's oil & gas index fell 3.2 per cent, and among the refiners, BPCL and HPCL lost close to 6 per cent, IOC 4 per cent and Reliance 3 per cent. "After a breathtaking rally of past two months, a correction was due in Indian markets; and crude oil has triggered it. Further, ongoing results season has provided mixed performance till date. For the markets to sustain at elevated levels, it is important for Indian corporate earnings to remain robust," said Jagannadham Thunuguntla of Centrum Broking.

Reliance stock, despite a strong overall performance reported for the fourth quarter last Thursday, was pulled down by the weight of oil price news. HDFC Bank's stable numbers reported on Saturday didn't help the stock slipping into red on Monday. Bank stocks were in red as Jet Airways' suspension has cast a shadow on the possible NPA situation.



"As markets halted its winning streak, the fear index rose to three-year high amidst the general elections and rising crude prices. The INDIA VIX climbed to above 24 levels, which indicates increasing concerns amongst market participants and is a sign of rising volatility," said Ruchit Jain of Angel Broking. Nifty and Bank Nifty saw profit-booking in the last couple of sessions and a rise in volatility index could lead to some roller coaster rides in the short-term, he said.

Meanwhile, NSE on Monday said 34 securities would be excluded from the derivatives segment for not meeting enhanced eligibility criteria. It includes SIB, Karnataka Bank, Indian Bank, NHPC, IRB Infrastructure, Repco Home Finance, BEML and India Cements.

SpiceJet inks code-sharing pact with Emirates

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH Jet Airways downing shutters, SpiceJet on Monday announced a reciprocal code-share deal with Emirates, which will allow the Dubai-based airline to tap SpiceJet for passengers to Europe, North America and Africa.

Code-sharing allows an airline to book its passengers on partner carriers and provide seamless travel destinations where it has no presence.

The code-sharing pact between the two airlines comes in the backdrop of Jet Airways temporarily suspending its operations last week.

Jet had a similar partnership with Etihad, as well as a tie-up with Emirates for sharing flying miles.

"This partnership should immensely benefit passengers travelling on both airlines. While SpiceJet passengers from across India will be able to enjoy seamless connectivity, leveraging Emirates' vast network across Europe, Africa, America and the Middle East, those travelling to India on Emirates will be able to travel to 51 destinations across our domestic network," said SpiceJet chairman Ajay Singh.

Since the grounding of Jet Airways, SpiceJet has increased its operations from Mumbai airport, which used to be a Jet hub. The budget carrier has also leased a large number of aircraft earlier operated by Jet, hired its staff, and is now eyeing destinations where Jet had a strong presence.

SpiceJet said the partnership with Emirates will bolster the already extensive network of the latter by adding a total of 67 weekly connections between Emirates' hub in Dubai and the 51 growing destinations in India.

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Adnan Kazim, Emirates' divisional senior vice-president, strategic planning, revenue optimization and aeropolitical affairs, said that the partnership with SpiceJet "and the mutual expansion of our network will go a long way in further enhancing the travel experience of our customers in India as well as those heading to India, benefitting travellers and businesses alike".

However, the announcement did not have a favourable impact on SpiceJet stocks. The airline's share prices fell by 8.10 per cent to ₹125.15 on the BSE on Monday. In the past five trading sessions, the scrip has gained 44.25 per cent.

'Bimal Jalan panel may find ₹1-3 L cr as surplus'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

The Reserve Bank of India-appointed Bimal Jalan committee may identify around ₹1-3 lakh crore, or 0.5-1.5 per cent of the GDP, as surplus reserves, said foreign brokerage firm Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofA-ML) on Monday.

According to the BofA-ML note, both the contingency and revaluation reserves of RBI are higher than the BRICS (association of economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) average and that transferring of this excess capital to the government could ease liquidity as well as help in lending rate cuts. On the other hand, an RBI internal study found that its capital buffers were below the global average of capital-to-asset ratio.

The BofA-ML added that the RBI Act doesn't bar the central bank from transferring surplus capital to the government, and that such a move won't affect liquidity, provided it is used to recapitalise public sector banks.

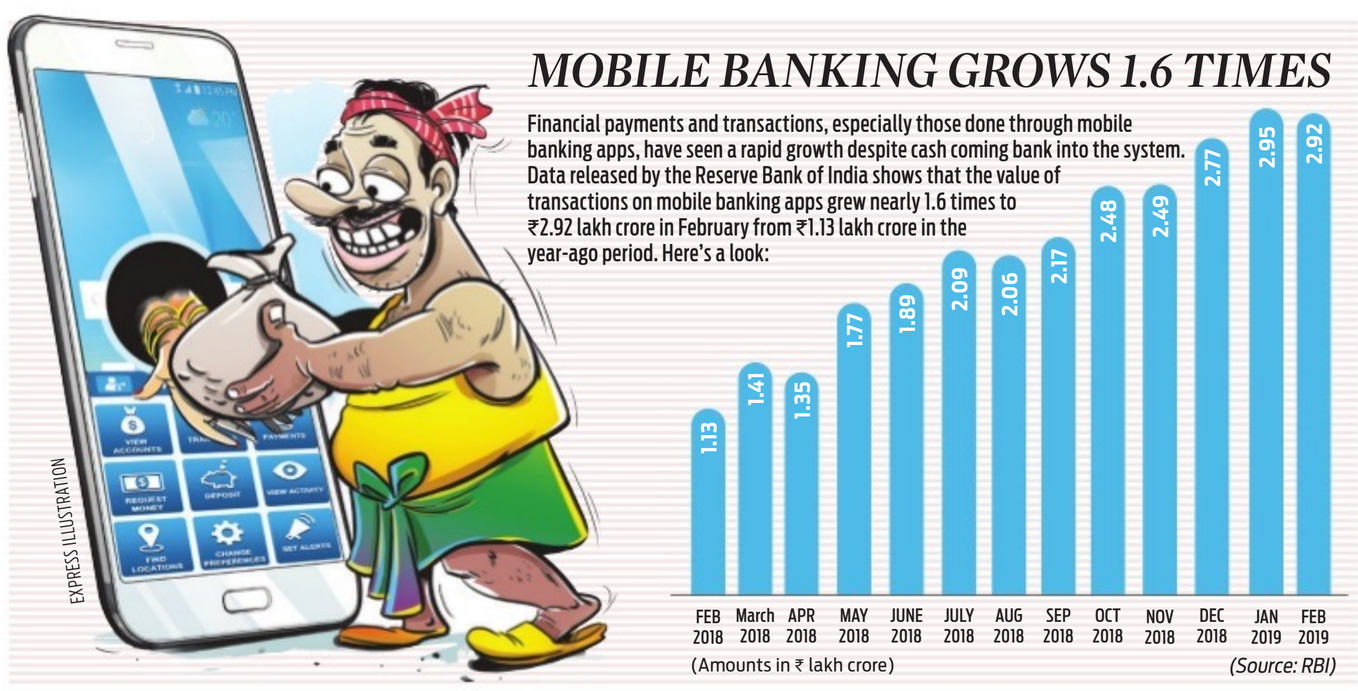
"The surplus capital held in contingency reserves in net non-monetary liabilities can be transferred to government deposits, which draws this down to inject capital into public sector banks. The latter invests it in a government account parked with RBI, making the entire transaction liquidity neutral," Indranil Sen Gupta, chief India economist at BofA-ML, said in the note.

The six-member RBI panel is likely to submit its report next month and the central bank is likely to deliberate on the findings of the report during its forthcoming meeting on May 21.

The issue of excess capital created fissures between RBI and the government in the recent past, with the latter insisting on transfer of surplus reserves and the former taking strong objection to it. The face-off had also presumably prompted the then RBI governor Urjit Patel to step down in protest.

Meanwhile, BofA-ML also noted that RBI's overall reserves are now capped at 25.5 per cent of the central bank's books, above the Usha Thorat committee recommendation of 18 per cent and the Economic Survey's 16 per cent. Lowering the cap to 20 per cent could release over ₹1.9 lakh crore, it observed.

According to Gupta, if the cap for contingency reserves is halved to 3.25 per cent from the current 6.25 per cent, it will release ₹1.3 lakh crore. Ditto with revaluation reserves, whose appreciation cover, if limited to 25 per cent, would release ₹35,700 crore.



STANDARD READ

Manish Maheshwari new head of Twitter India

New Delhi: Twitter on Monday said it has appointed former Network18 Digital chief executive Manish Maheshwari as the managing director of its India operations. Maheshwari, who will take over the new role from interim country head Balaji Krish from April 29, will be responsible for driving an integrated business strategy to accelerate Twitter's audience and revenue growth in the country, overseeing Twitter India's teams in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.

GAIL highest bidder for IL&FS wind plants

Mumbai: Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Monday said GAIL (India) has emerged as the highest bidder for its seven operating wind power plants. The bidding process to these assets having 12 sites spread across seven states was launched in November last year. "GAIL's offer of approximately ₹4,800 crore for 100 per cent enterprise value contemplates no hair-cut to the debt of the SPVs, aggregating to nearly ₹3,700 crore," IL&FS said.

Domestic air pax volume up 14.27% in FY19

Mumbai: Domestic air passenger volume grew 14.27 per cent to 126.77 million in FY19 on year, even as March posted the lowest growth rate in many years, as per data from Directorate General of Civil Aviation. The passenger volume in FY18 was clipped at a higher 18.3 per cent (108.68 million). In March, the growth was almost flat at 0.14 per cent (11.59 million passengers) up from 11.58 million a year ago, largely due to the huge capacity reduction following troubles at Jet Airways.

Finmin to take stock of govt guarantees to CPSEs

New Delhi: The finance ministry has asked all departments to undertake a review of government guarantees given by respective ministries to their CPSEs or entities. The review should undertake aspects like the discharge of repayment obligations or interest obligations as per terms of the loan agreement and covenants and conditions met, the ministry said. It also sought details of CPSEs or entities due guarantee fee paid on time to the government.

50,000 accounts under lens for dubious transactions during demonetisation

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

WITH the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) setting June 30 as the deadline to dispose off demonetisation cases, the tax sleuths have zeroed up on on 50,000 businesses and High Net-worth Individuals (HNI) over unexplained transactions during the period.

"We have been pursuing all the high-ticket transactions done during the demonetisation period. We have prepared a list of businesses and HNIs, who have done high-value transactions during the period. Out of the list, we have zeroed up on 50,000 for further action," a senior CBDT official said.

The official told *TNIE* that during preliminary enquiry, none from the list gave satisfactory explanations for the high-value transactions.

"Not all high-value transactions were suspicious. We have issued notices in many cases and many concerned persons and businesses came up with explanations that were later verified to our satisfaction. (But), in these (50,000) cases, the explanations were either not satisfactory or it could not be verified separately. They need detailed probe," he said.

The CBDT had earlier identified 87,000 cases, where assessees had not filed their responses to income-tax notices issued post-demonetisation and had also issued directions to income tax offices across the country to probe financial transactions of about 3 lakh firms de-registered by the government for tax evasion and money laundering.

The IT department is likely to initiate action in the next few weeks. It is also looking into the accounts of businesses and people who stopped filing income-tax during the demonetisation period.

The number of taxpayers who stopped filing, which had been consistently falling from 37.54 lakh in FY13 to 27.02 lakh in FY14, 16.32 lakh in FY15 and 8.56 lakh in FY16, jumped tenfold to 88.04 lakh in FY17. These numbers do not include those who have passed away or whose PAN cards have been cancelled or surrendered in that year.

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PRODUCTION DEFICIENCY

Coal imports rise 9% despite govt efforts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Central government's plan to completely rely on Coal India (CIL) for domestic needs and have zero imports seems to have toppled, with coal imports soaring 8.8 per cent to 233.56 million tonnes (MT) in 2018-19 amid domestic transport woes and rising power demands.

In 2017-18, coal imports were at 214.61 MT, according to provisional data by mjunction services, based on monitoring of vessels' positions and data received from shipping companies. "...coal and coke imports during 2018-19 through 31 major and non-major ports are estimated to have increased by 8.83 per cent to 233.56 MT (provisional) as compared to 214.61 MT (revised) imported in 2017-18," the joint venture between Tata Steel and SAIL, which also publishes research reports on coal and steel verticals, said in a report. Non-coking coal imports were at 164.21 MT in FY19, about 13.25 per cent increase over 144.99 MT recorded in FY18, while coking coal import was almost flat at 47.73 MT, against 47.22 MT in 2017-18.

"The double-digit growth in thermal coal imports during 2018-19 was on expected lines and caused by the coal shortage at power plants until recently. In contrast, the bearish trend in steel consumption and prices, especially during the fourth quarter, restricted coking coal import," mjunction MD and CEO Vinaya Varma said.

The surge is so alarming that it has also forced CIL to start meeting power producers individually and find ways to help them cut their dependence on imports in 2019-20. It will also hold discussions with those contemplating imports this fiscal.

Meanwhile, steel companies have warned that imports of the fuel, which could drive up India's goods trade and current account deficit, could rise further if adequate number of domestic washeries is not set up in public and private sectors.

233.56 MT
coal was imported in 2018-19, despite efforts to cut imports

214.61 MT
coal was imported in 2017-18, as per mjunction services

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

RAMCO CEMENT
Current Price ₹761.50
Target Price ₹853

We expect construction activities to pick up from FY20, led by a favourable operating environment and government initiatives. Push towards irrigation projects bodes well for Ramco; it is also likely to benefit from growth in the eastern region. Airport, sea port and metros projects add strength to the demand outlook.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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INSURANCE SPACE

IRDAI's sandbox regulations to see Max Life innovate

MC VAIJAYANTHI @ Mumbai

THE next product filing from Max Life Insurance could be a new idea filed under the most anticipated regulatory sandbox, the company's deputy managing director V Viswanand told *TNIE*.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) move to allow regulatory sandbox in the sector soon is likely to see insurance firm come up with new ideas, as it gives them an opportunity to experiment with products before the regular launch.

Viswanand said Max Life's product department has suggested giving a premium holiday after five years, which could be its next product filing. A premium holiday can be a great relief when policyholders face job losses or other contingencies, but at present, the regulations say policy premium has to be paid every year.

"IRDAI is now open to ideas, creating a regulatory sandbox for innovation. They are saying come with ideas ... in a month or two, the regulatory sandbox is coming," Viswanand said. This will allow companies to come up with several new ideas, like an event-based insurance, he said.

"Event-based life insurance covers are something we are thinking of, how you can dial up and dial down. May be it will create more excitement among millennials," Viswanand added. E-commerce has created a base among millennials and BFSI should be like e-commerce, he said.

Under the sandbox, insurance firms can test products up to a period of one year including products, policy, underwriting to claims and distribution, and IRDAI would approve it as a "sandbox product".

Max Life's recent survey on insurance coverage showed the average age of insurers to be at 36-37 and that chances of policy discontinuation were higher among those who entered early, say by 21-22 years. The survey also showed the uptake of term insurance being low, and an overwhelming number of people feeling the policy cover is inadequate.

"Here, we can do a lot on the product side. Mainly in the protection space, because it is under-penetrated and customers will be willing to take ideas and bets," Viswanand said.

Pay as you go instead of paying upfront for a term plan and plans on the retirement side are areas where innovations are needed, and they will be in the digital space, he said.

ON THE TUBE

8:00 PM IPL: Chennai Super Kings vs Sunrisers Hyderabad **LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1**

12:15 AM English Premier League: Tottenham vs Brighton **LIVE ON SS SELECT HD 2**

REST THE BEST BEFORE BIG TEST, INDIA NEED THEM

BIG PICTURE

PRADEEP MAGAZINE

The Indian Premier League is at its full glow. The screaming fans with an amazing capacity to create gravity defying, deafening sounds as an expression of their primeval instincts, are filling the grounds. Fours and sixes are flowing, the ball is travelling with venomous velocity in all directions of the stadium.

Bats are acquiring more and more muscle, boundaries are getting shorter, and even the crowds are not safe from these big-hitting hulks, as the ball lands in their arena with frequent regularity.

The financial health and popularity of cricket's latest avatar in the land of its adoption seems to be at its prime. The country may be in election mode, but the shortest version is matching the noise and buzz politicians are making.

Indians are consuming the T20 format with a passion and energy that few can match across the world.

In this world of instant gratification, even the fact that in a month from now the World Cup is to be held is of little consequence. Judging from their recent record, it is already being assumed that India are the favourites. In a team that includes strikers like MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli, can anyone dare to visualise any other result other than an Indian win?

Surprisingly, yes, some can.

India has had enough time to build its team, work on its strengths and weaknesses while experimenting with the slots in the past one year. And yet they seem to have failed to finally create a balance in batting and bowling that would give the team an edge over others. If the top order is formidable, the middle is brittle and inexperienced while the bottom cannot hold. If the top four fail in a game, India exposes itself to inexperience and even inability, that could undermine their prospects in the 10-team tournament.

Virat Kohli's team goes to World Cup with question marks over middle-order

It is quite a puzzle that a land where T20 is now religion and big hitting the staple diet, India does not have a glut of strikers and none of the calibre of an Andre Russell, who can make even unmanageable asking rates appear ridiculously easy. It is even more difficult to figure out why most of our bowlers are innocent in the art of smashing the ball. Can a team which goes into a battle with old fashioned tail-enders expect to win cricket's premier one-day trophy?

It is this all-round strength that makes England the favourites and judging by the way Australia is faring of late, they may not be far behind. India to my mind were right up there but somehow, looking at this team, one is not that confident any more. What definitely gives India a menacing look is bowling, with Jasprit Bumrah being the key. He is India's trump card and it won't be a bad idea to withdraw him from the later stages of the IPL. In fact, it won't be a bad idea if all the key Indian players, who have been playing uninterrupted for more than a year now, are given some rest before the World Cup grind, and that should include Kohli and Dhoni as well.

What a waste of talent and resources it would be, if an Indian team lands in England for jaded, tired, nursing niggles with little appetite for a battle of skills with the best talents of the world. That should worry the Indian administrators (BCCI and CoA) as the players, including skipper Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri had already warned of that possibility before the IPL began. Will the board do some rethinking and take wise decisions, even if they may be harsh on the IPL franchises, in the best interest of the Indian team?

EXPRESS READ

IPL final moved from Chennai to Hyderabad

NEW DELHI: The IPL final scheduled on May 12 was Monday shifted from Chennai to Hyderabad after the TNCA failed to get permission from the corporation to open the three closed stands at Chepauk. Chennai Super Kings still have a chance to play Qualifier 1 at home if they finish in the top two of the group stage but the Eliminator (May 8) and Qualifier 2 (May 10) have been shifted to Vizag.

Afghanistan recall Hassan for World Cup

KABUL: Pacer Hamid Hassan and former captain Asghar Afghan were on Monday named in Afghanistan's 15-man World Cup squad headlined by Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi.

Squad: Gulbadin Naib (C), Mohammad Shahzad (wk), Noor Ali Zadran, Hazratullah Zazai, Rahmat Shah, Asghar Afghan, Hashmatullah Shahidi, Najibullah Zadran, Samiullah Shinwari, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Dawlat Zadran, Aftab Alam, Hamid Hassan and Mujeeb ur Rahman.

Eight board members want DDCA prez out

NEW DELHI: Eight Board of Directors (BoD) of the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) have signed a joint resolution for withdrawal of all powers vested with president Rajat Sharma. The DDCA's decision making body is BoD and with eight out of the 16 signing the resolution, Rajat may have problems in functioning smoothly.

Women paddlers make World C'ships cut

NEW DELHI: The entire Indian women's contingent of Manika Batra, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Madhurika Patkar and Archana Kamath qualified for the main draw of ITTF World Championships, which will be held in Budapest. Among men, Anthony Amalraj and Manav Thakkar are just a match away from making the cut. Both G Sathiyan and A Sharath Kamal have already made the main draw due to their high world rankings. ENS

THE STORY SO FAR

A look at how Chennai Super Kings' batsmen have fared this season...

SHANE WATSON
In the top five last season, he has hardly looked in control this time, having crossed 30 only twice. Coming into the tournament after a good PSL, much was expected from the Aussie.

M 10 RUNS 147 SR 112.21

FAF DU PLESSIS
After missing a few matches, is the only consistent player at the top. Scored a fifty in his first game and hit a couple of 40s. Brings solidarity to the line up.

M 6 RUNS 178 SR 114.83

SURESH RAINA
Apart from the unbeaten 58 against KKR, has not inspired confidence. Achieved milestone of 5000 IPL runs, but patchy by and large.

M 10 RUNS 207 SR 116.94

AMBATI RAYUDU
In contrast to last season when he made 602 runs, has hardly made an impact. Has been consuming too many deliveries and slowing things down in the middle.

M 10 RUNS 192 SR 91.42

KEDAR JADHAV
After missing the last season due to injury, his return was expected to add stability in the middle. That has not happened, barring one innings of 58 against Mumbai.

M 10 RUNS 145 SR 98.63

DWAYNE BRAVO
Missed five matches due to hamstring strain but made a comeback on Sunday. Has done a good job with the ball. Has not had many chances with the bat.

M 5 RUNS 44 SR 137.50

GENERAL AWAITS FLEET

Consistent pattern of skipper bailing out faltering batting line-up may prove costly for CSK

MS DHONI

Captain leading by example. The team's highest run-getter has produced a few match-winning knocks. Has made sure Chennai stay in the top four.

M 10 | RUNS 314 | SR 137.11

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

FOR ALL the talk about the aura of invincibility they exude, Chennai Super Kings couldn't have picked a worse time to start showing cracks: the business end.

Even as MS Dhoni and his supercomputer of a brain went about almost achieving the impossible — never have 26 runs been scored in a final over to win an IPL match — against Royal Challengers Bangalore on Sunday night, that chink became as glaring as it could get.

Yes, many tongues wagged about how those three refused singles may have been opportunities lost. But none really touched upon how those could have come off the blades of Chennai's top-five batsmen. Barring Ambati Rayudu, the rest scored 10 off 28.

That top-order wobble in Bengaluru was just another instance of the regular spurts of deja vu that Chennai fans have been experiencing. They slid to 27/3 against Rajasthan Royals, and in came Dhoni to rescue them. They were again reduced to 24/4 against Bangalore, and in came Dhoni again to rescue them. They spiralled from 79/0 to 101/5 against Sunrisers Hyderabad. With no Dhoni to rescue them, they scored just 31 more in the next 32, and eventually lost.

And now, Bengaluru happened on Sunday; a loss that has extended Chennai's wait for confirming a playoff spot. Even the best need a helping hand at times, but the Chennai skipper hasn't been getting one. Barring him, no other batsman has crossed 300 this season. And even their strike rates have at least a 20-point rift as compared to Dhoni's 137.11.

"Last year (Shane) Watson, Faf (du Plessis), (Ambati) Rayudu and (Suresh) Raina combined well. That's why they won the title. This season, they have not gelled as a unit. They have been patchy. The problem is lack of patience and poor shot-selection. Even in the slam-bang version of the game, you need to have patience and wait for the right ball to attack," remarked former India spinner and selector Venkatapathy Raju.

"Plus, Chennai's top-order need to be more prudent in their shot-selection. They have the experience. What is required is for them to adopt the right method to exploit powerplays and later consolidate."

Even Chennai coach Stephen Fleming acknowledged this problem after that one-run defeat. "We are being a bit reckless and that comes about from guys who want to find form and do the job. But what is happening is that we are relying heavily on Dhoni and Rayudu to patch things up. We won't win the competition if this continues."

Last outing for Bairstow

Jonny Bairstow and David Warner will turn out together for the last time in this IPL on Tuesday. The Englishman will leave for home after this match, for World Cup preparations. Warner will fly back to Australia at the end of this month. The two have been lethal up top for Hyderabad, notching up four century stands in this season, a record for any T20 league.

Rahane breaks the Jinx, Pant proves a point, Delhi go top

Ajinkya Rahane scored his second IPL century in Jaipur on Monday | SPORTZPICS

BRIEF SCORES

Rajasthan 191/6 in 20 ovs (Ajinkya Rahane 105 n.o, Steve Smith 50, Kagiso Rabada 2/37) **lost to Delhi 193/4 in 19.2 ovs** (Rishabh Pant 78 n.o, Shikhar Dhawan 54, Prithvi Shaw 42, Shreyas Gopal 2/47).

517 runs
DAVID WARNER (SRH)

23 wkts
KAGISO RABADA (DC)

SIX-O-METER

504

MATCHES: 40

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	NRR	Pts
DC	11	7	4	+0.181	14
CSK	10	7	3	+0.087	14
MI	10	6	4	+0.357	12
SRH	9	5	4	+0.737	10
KXIP	10	5	5	-0.044	10
KKR	10	4	6	-0.013	8
RR	10	3	7	-0.470	6
RCB	10	3	7	-0.836	6

Updated till Monday's RR-DC match

AGENCIES @ Jaipur

RISHABH Pant returned to form with a blistering 36-ball 78 not out as Delhi Capitals chased a stiff target of 192 against Rajasthan Royals in an IPL match at Sawai Mangsingh Stadium on Monday.

The six-wicket win pushed Delhi to the top of the table with 14 points as Rajasthan suffered their seventh defeat of the season. Pant's unbeaten knock was only his second fifty of the season after the one he made against Mumbai Indians in Delhi's first match. Delhi also had openers Shikhar Dhawan (54 off 27) and Prithvi Shaw (42 off 39) to thank for laying a platform for Pant with a 72-run partnership in 7.3 overs.

Earlier, blending panache with power, Ajinkya Rahane roared back to form with a scintillating century and propelled Rajasthan to 191 for six.

Rahane remained not out on 105 off 63 balls, decorating his knock with three sixes and 11 fours, while Steve Smith contributed 50 off 32 deliveries.

Asked to bat after Shreyas Iyer called correctly at the toss, Rahane spearheaded Rajasthan Royals' innings after getting a life on 16, the culprit being Ishant Sharma, who dropped a sitter at short fine-leg. The drop hurt the visitors, but Delhi did well to prevent Rajasthan from going past 200.

Entering the game with over 650 runs against Delhi in the league, Rahane chose his favourite opponents to find form, and when he walked back to the dressing room, he had over 750 to his name.

FAST FORWARD

Power in play: Steyn revives Bangalore fortunes just in time

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

16/1, 52/0, 59/0, 55/0, 59/1, 53/1, 60/0, 67/0. These were the scores of the opponents against Royal Challengers Bangalore after the first six overs in their first eight matches. They bowled 48 overs, gave away 421 runs at 8.77 per over and took just three wickets.

At least partially, the figures explain why Bangalore lost seven of their first eight matches. They conceded ground early on and found it difficult to come back. Pacers bowled 37 of those overs and spinners 11. Pacers Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Tim Southee and Navdeep Saini were all below par.

However, things have changed in the last two matches. Dale Steyn, who was brought in as Nathan Coulter-Nile's replacement, has been an asset in the powerplay. His outswing has troubled batsmen. When they have gone hard at him, he has induced false shots to take wickets. The 35-year-old has scalped four so far, all in the first six. Chris Lynn, Shubman Gill, Shane Watson and Suresh Raina have been his victims. Due to him, a struggling team has dismissed the opponent's key batsmen early on in the last two matches and won both.

As a result of Steyn's efforts, Bangalore are still hoping to make the playoffs. "In a T20 game, getting a couple of wickets in the first six overs makes a big difference. And I thought in the previous games that is something we were lacking. You can see the difference straightaway, when we got a couple of wickets in the first two overs. He (Steyn) has been bowling really well," said Bangalore keeper Parthiv Patel.

The South African's performance seems to have rubbed off on other members of the bowling unit. Against Chennai, after Steyn took two in the first over, Umesh removed two more inside the first six. Saini conceded just one run in his only over inside the powerplay. In the previous game against Kolkata, Saini had given away just seven runs in two overs for one wicket during the first six.

Early wickets force batsmen to look for singles for a while instead of going for big shots and that's when Kohli can get a few overs from all-rounders like Marcus Stoinis. It happened on Sunday, as the Australian gave away just 20 runs from his three. Steyn's inclusion has added life into the bowling attack, which lacked confidence earlier. "It (Steyn's performance) helps the other bowlers a lot. In the first six-seven games, our bowlers were going for a lot of runs. He comes in with different energy, without any baggage of the past. He is also talking to the youngsters and his experience makes a difference," quipped Parthiv.

Despite winning three of their last four games, Bangalore are still bottom of the table. With four games to go, they need to maintain this momentum. Batsmen showing signs of improvement and the bowling unit showing fresh promise, they are ready to fight another day.

Warnock compares Salah to Oly diver

Mohamed Salah could not have 'got much higher off the diving board' according to Cardiff manager Neil Warnock after the Egyptian won a penalty in Liverpool's 2-0 win on Sunday. "I think the end of it was a 9.9 (British Olympic diver) Tom Daley job. I don't think he could have got much higher off the diving board at the end of it," Warnock said.

Chinese love affair continues for Prajnesh

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

CHINA has been a happy hunting ground for Prajnesh Gunneswaran over the last 20 months. In 2017, as the Indian was tip-toeing around the Futures circuit, he won an event at Kunshan.

The 27 ranking points he won helped him break the top 250 barrier a few weeks later. In April 2018, he beat Yibing Wu 6-4, 6-2 in a deciding fifth rubber in an Asia-Oceania Davis Cup tie. Later that month, he upset three higher-ranked players en route a title at the Anning Challenger, his first at that level. The 125 points he earned there put him inside the top 180 for the first time.

A year later and Anning has again given him a reason to smile. Even though he failed to defend his first Challenger title — he lost in the final to Brit Jay Clarke on Sunday — his run has ensured that he will make the cut at Wimbledon. It's for this reason that the Indian is all smiles when you ask him whether he felt the pressure of defending that many points for the first time.

"There was some pressure but not because I won here last year," he told this daily after the final against Clarke.

"But, going into the tournament I knew that if I did well here I could qualify for the main draw at Wimbledon. From that aspect, yes, I was itching to do well." With an appearance at the French Open as well as at SW19 confirmed, does he think he has exceeded expectations this season? "I should be pretty close for qualifying for the US Open too," he smiles. "If I don't have a disastrous next couple of months, I should make the main draw cut for US Open."

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> Prajnesh Gunneswaran

His belief isn't misplaced. In the first six months of 2018, he made 255 points. This year he already has 255 points in the bank, with more opportunities to rise up the ranking charts in the next few charts — his upcoming tournaments include Munich and Lyon (both ATP 250s) before the French Open. Even if he does have an end of year ranking goal in mind, he is quick to say the process is more important for him. "Being inside the top 40 in six months time would be good but that is not going to be my main focus point. I am just going to be focussed on matches and that (the rankings) will take care of itself."

Considering that approach has put him in good stead so far, don't bet against it.

Prajnesh Gunneswaran went down to Brit Clarke in the Anning Challenger final

Amit Panghal (in blue) beat Rio Olympics gold medallist Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan in the 52kg quarterfinal of the Asian Championships in Bangkok on Monday

> *The fact that Amit is beating him for the second time gives us extra joy. It only proves that his victory during the Asian Games was not a one-off. Amit did have the psychological edge but he still had to deliver.*
> SANTIAGO NIEVA, HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

INDIANS 2, CHAMPIONS 0

Amit and Kavinder stun Olympic and world champs at Asian Championships to ensure medals

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

INDIANS beating world or Olympic champions is uncommon, be it in any sport. Two Indians achieving that on the same day is unthinkable! That's what boxers Amit Panghal and Kavinder Singh Bisht did, slaying giants of the business in the ongoing Asian Championships, in Bangkok on Monday.

High performance director Santiago Nieva, who witnessed both the hits up close, understands the significance of the duo's performances. "They are from two of the strongest nations. Both Amit and Kavinder did exceptionally well. It's time to enjoy the moment," Nieva told this newspaper.

Amit got the better of Rio Olympic champ Hasanboy Dusmatov 4-1 to march into the semis and assure at least a bronze. Incidentally, this was the Haryana boxer's second straight victory over his rival from Uzbekistan, proving that his Asian Games win was no fluke. In fact, that victory had added to his belief and he had entered the bout with plenty of confidence. "I was quite confident this time. I knew if I put my best foot forward, I can beat him by a higher margin," Amit, who's competing in the 52kg category for the first time, said.

Amit may be on a roll but his success has come after a couple of blows in the past. In his debut year (2017), he had lost

Kavinder Singh Bisht

twice against Dusmatov. The latter had beaten the armyman in this very competition, going on to clinch gold and had also trumped him during the World Championships (Hamburg) later that year.

"The fact that Amit is beating him for the second time gives us extra joy. It only proves that his victory during the Asian Games was not a one-off," Nieva said.

"Amit did have the psychological edge but he still had to deliver. He read Dusmatov well, both from the outside and inside," he added.

Before Amit, it was Kavinder who had stunned world champ Kairat Yeraliyev of Kazakhstan in the morning session by a split verdict (3-2). It was a much-needed boost for the boxer from Uttarakhand, who had endured a tough 2018. After much reflection, he had shifted to a higher weight category (from 52kg to 56kg) and was under pressure to make it count. There were question marks if he could make the cut. The 24-year-old, who had won gold in an international meet in Finland last month, has definitely done that. This is also his first major medal.

"I was not concerned about his (Yeraliyev's) track record. I was just focussed on myself. This is my first major tournament in the new weight category and I had to prove myself. I'm happy with my performance," Kavinder said. That focus was visible for Nieva to see. The coach revealed that his ward was tactically stronger on the day. "He is small for a 56kg-boxer. But he has proved that he has the tactical nous to outbox opponents who are much bigger than him."

Gold medals for both would be icing on the cake.

Sans visa, TD hopeful stuck at IG airport

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

ONE of the candidates who had applied for the post of All India Football Federation's technical director, Doru Isac, had to give his interview over Skype after being stuck at the New Delhi airport on Monday.

Isac, currently sporting director at Yokohama F Marinos, flew in from the United States of America for a face-to-face interview with AIFF's technical committee.

He incorrectly assumed he could obtain visa on arrival. He was asked to wait till confirmation from the US embassy. But the Romanian's return flight was scheduled to leave on Monday night itself.

AIFF then conducted the interview via *Skype*. "Isac had insisted on attending the interview in person. It was unfortunate what happened. But at least, we knew what his plans were and managed to have a long conversation," technical committee chairman Shyam Thapa said.

The other two candidates, Gaioz Darsadze of Georgia and Portugal's Jorge Castelo, were interviewed via *Skype*.

The technical committee has sent their preference to the federation and a final decision will be taken soon.

"We asked them questions regarding their plans and how much they were aware of the football scene here.

"The interviews lasted for almost an hour. We marked our first, second and third choices and gave it to the AIFF executive committee who will announce the name," the former India international added.

As for the appointment of a new national men's team coach, the technical committee has asked Abhishek Yadav, AIFF's director of the national teams, to prune the list down to ten. The final decision will be taken in May.

Gomathi, Toor bag gold on fruitful day in Doha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AN extraordinary kick in the dying embers helped Gomathi Marimuthu clinch a thrilling gold in 800m on the second day of the Asian Athletics Championships in Doha.

Tajinder Singh Toor won India's second gold in shot put with a throw of 20.22m. Dutee Chand finished a disappointing fifth in women's 100m final, clocking 11.44. In the semi-finals, Dutee rewrote the women's 100m national record again, with a time of 11.26.

In third with less than 100 metres remaining for the tape, the 30-year-old Gomathi steamed past Margarita Mukasheva of Kazakhstan and China's Wang Chunyu to clinch her maiden gold at this level. She clocked a personal best 2:02.70.

Elsewhere, India's emergence as an Asian powerhouse in javelin continued with Shivpal Singh winning silver. Singh, who hurled the spear to a personal best of 86.23m, also qualified for the World Championships to be held in the city later in the year. Earlier, India started the evening session with two more bronze medals, both coming in the 400m hurdles, from Saritaben Gayakwad and MP Jabir.

Disappointment was in store for other medal prospects, as Jinson Johnson did not even finish the 800m final. Likewise, in the men's 400m final, both Arokia Rajiv, who finished fourth despite a personal best, and Mohammad Anas failed to add to the medals tally.

Mixed bag for Advani, Chawla on Day 1

India's Aditya Mehta in action at KSBA on Monday. He won both his Group D games | SHRIRAM BN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WINNER of the second leg Pankaj Advani and World 6-Red runner-up Kamal Chawla started the third leg of the ACBS Asian 10-Red Snooker Tour with a loss and a win each on Monday at the KSBA here.

In his first Group A match, Advani lost to Hong Kong's Fung Kwok Wai 1-4 while he beat fellow countryman Yogesh Kumar with similar margin later on the day. Chawla was off to a good start winning his first Group B match 4-0 but lost to Thailand's Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon 0-4.

Results: Group A: Ehsan Heydari Nezhad (Iran) **bt** Yogesh Kumar (Ind) **4-3**; Fung Kwok Wai (HK) **bt** Pankaj Advani (Ind) **4-1**; Pankaj Advani **bt** Yogesh Kumar **4-1**; Ali Alobaidli (Qatar) **bt** Ehsan Heydari Nezhad **4-0**; Fung Kwok Wai **bt** Ali Alobaidli **4-0**.

Group B: Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon (Thailand) **bt** Mohsen Bukshaisha (Qatar) **4-3**; Cheung Ka Wai (HK) **bt** Sundeep Gulati (Ind) **4-1**; Kamal Chawla (Ind) **bt** Sundeep Gulati **4-0**; Cheung Ka Wai **bt** Mohsen Bukshaisha **4-3**; Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon **bt** Kamal Chawla **4-0**.

Group C: Amir Sarkhosh (Iran) **bt** Yazan Alhadad (Syria) **4-0**; Manan Chandra (Ind) **bt** Sourav Kothari (Ind) **4-1**.

Group D: Aditya Mehta (Ind) **bt** Aung Phyo (Myanmar) **4-3**; Pongsakorn Chongjairak (Thailand) **bt** Laxman Rawat (India) **4-0**; Aditya Mehta **bt** Laxman Rawat **4-2**; Pongsakorn Chongjairak **bt** Aung Phyo **4-2**.

Sen, Pardeshi top seeds

Lakshya Sen and Shriyanshi Pardeshi will be the top seeds in men's and women's singles, respectively in the All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament, which will begin on Tuesday at the Karnataka Badminton Association courts.

Nikhilshyam Sriram, who is seeded seventh in the men's singles category, will lead Karnataka's charge. Around 1200 players will be participating in five different categories.

Top 3 seeds: MS: 1. Lakshya Sen (UTR), **2.** Ansal Yadav (UP), **3.** Bodhit Joshi (UTR). **WS: 1.** Shriyanshi Pardeshi (AAI), **2.** Kanika Kanwal (RLY), **3.** Aakarshi Kashyap (AAI).

MD: 1. Anjan Buragohain (ASM)/ Ranjan Buragohan (ASM), **2.** Krishna Prasad G (AP)/ Dhruv Kapila (AI), **3.** Rupesh Kumar KT (PET)/ Diju V (PET).

WD: 1. Ashna Roy (KER)/ Haritha MH (KER), **2.** Ramya Tulasai BV (TN)/ Diksha Choudary (CG), **3.** Ningshi Block Hazarika (CAG)/ Shruti Mundada (MAH).

XD: 1. Sunjith S (RBI)/ Harika V (AP), **2.** Bennet Antony (CAG)/ Ngngshi Block Hazarika (CAG), **3.** Tushar Sharma (CAG)/ Diksha Choudhary (CG).

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grapplers look to ace model exam before final test

KRISHNENDU BANERJEE @ Bengaluru

ONE gold, one silver and six bronze medals — India's performance in the last edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships was decent.

But it wasn't satisfactory as top grapplers including Bajrang Punia (65kg), Vinesh Phogat (50kg) and Sakshi Malik (62kg) had to settle for a lesser medal. Phogat bagged silver while Punia and Malik secured a bronze medal each.

The 2019 edition, which begins on Tuesday at Xi'an, China, will be a different test. In terms of the medals, it won't hold much significance. But with tougher events like World Championships and Olympic qualification coming up, it will be a good platform for the wrestlers to test their skills.

Among men, Punia will spearhead India's challenge. The World No 1 in his weight category has been in fine form. The 25-year-old has missed the yellow metal only once since the Asian Championship last year. But more than winning gold in Xi'an, Punia will want to try out the new techniques, which he has been working on in India, after opting out of a training stint abroad.

"I have been working on various techniques at the SAI centre. I have learnt from my mistakes in the Worlds. Asian Championships will be the first tournament where I will be trying my new techniques," said Punia, who won the gold medal in the Dan Kolov-Nikola Petrov Tournament in Bulgaria last month. "There, I can also gauge the shortfalls and prepare accordingly for tougher competitions."

In women's category, India will be a strong contender. All grapplers in the squad took part in the Beat the Streets competition in Los Angeles and did well against American and Mexican wrestlers. They also had a fortnight-long training stint at the US Olympic Training Center under foreign coach Andrew Cook.

"All of our female wrestlers are experienced and are capable of winning medals. They have worked on the defence mostly in Colorado. They will be up against Japanese wrestlers and that's good for their preparation for Worlds," said Kuldeep Malik, women's chief national coach.

However, the eyes will be on Vinesh and Sakshi. Both of them had returned empty-handed from the World Championships and will be eager to make a mark. Phogat, who bagged silver in the Dan Kolov-Nikola Petrov Tournament in her new weight category (53kg), will continue her transition. However, for Malik, it will be a last chance to get things right before the Olympic qualification events.

"The problem is more psychological. She is doing well but is yet to get the confidence back. We've worked on her leg defence and a sports psychologist is also helping her. We hope she gets her momentum back in China," said Kuldeep, who was also happy with the association of Tata Motors to help the wrestlers. "It will help consolidate the facilities, support staff qualities and enhance the scientific approach for the players' preparations. Their support is going to take Indian wrestling to the next level."

Besides them, Pooja Dhanda will be the one to look forward to. The 57kg specialist was the only female wrestler to return with a medal from the worlds. She also won gold in the Bulgaria event and will look to continue her good run.

Pin Point

Here are the Indians to look forward to in the Asian Wrestling Championships starting today...

BAJRANG PUNIA (65KG)

The World No 1 was unstoppable last year and was unlucky to go down to Takuto Otoguro 9-16 in the World Championships. He will be India's poster boy in China.

POOJA DHANDA (57KG)

The World Championships bronze medallist has seen a meteoric rise to her stocks. She will be one of the favourites to win a gold medal in her catergory.

VINESH PHOGAT (53KG)

After the 50kg Asian Games gold, Vinesh showed versatility by bagging 53kg silver in a Bulgaria meet. She will be looking to turn that silver into gold in China.

A study in the journal *CANCER* indicates that 40.3 per cent of cancer patients used marijuana within the past year, compared with 38 per cent of respondents without cancer.

Researchers have developed an AI-based computer programme that can help diagnose post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans by analysing their voices, a study in the journal *Depression and Anxiety* said.

Malawi to pilot most advanced malaria vaccine

Trade-named Mosquirix, the drug passed through five years of clinical trials in seven countries

NEW SHOT

LILONGWE: Malawi will on Tuesday spearhead large scale pilot tests for the world's most advanced experimental malaria vaccine in a bid to prevent the disease that kills hundreds of thousands across Africa each year.

After more than three decades in development and almost $1 billion in investment, the cutting-edge trial will be rolled out in Malawi's capital Lilongwe this week and then in Kenya and Ghana next week.

It aims to immunise 1,20,000 children aged two years and under to assess the effectiveness of the pilot vaccine and whether the delivery process is feasible. Four successive doses must be administered on a strict timetable for it to work.

Trade-named Mosquirix, the drug has been developed by British pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with the PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative.

It passed previous scientific testing — including five years of clinical trials on 15,000 people in

seven countries — and was approved for the pilot programme in 2015.

Malaria episodes reduced by 40 per cent in the trials.

Although the potential vaccine will not give full protection against the mosquito-borne disease, it is the furthest along in development and so far the most effective.

Scientists say if it was rolled out on a large scale it could save hundreds of thousands of lives.

The World Health Organization (WHO) believes that the new vaccine brings a key new tool beyond mosquito nets, insecticides and drugs in the battle against the disease. Malaria killed 4,35,000 people in 2017. The majority of them were children under five in Africa.

"Malaria can kill a child in less than 24 hours," said researcher Tisungane Mvalo, a paediatrician at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Project-Malawi in Lilongwe.

"And even if the child survives, malaria can impact every organ, causing brain injury or even kidney issues. Prevention is better than treatment."

The UN health agency's latest report on malaria showed that the number of cases climbed to 219 million in 2017, two million higher than 2016.

Dogs, man's best friend

EXERCISE BUDDY

DOG owners are estimated to be four times more likely than their peers to meet recommended physical activity guidelines, according to a study that highlights the role that dogs may help to keep humans healthy. It is recommended that adults should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per week. Dog ownership is expected to encourage physical activity, but it has been unclear whether this effect occurs in all members of a dog-owning household or whether dog walking replaces other forms of exercise. Dog owners walk more frequently and for longer periods than non-dog owners, according to the study published in the journal *Scientific Reports*.

A novel fire extinguisher for space

REVERSE CONCEPT

TOKYO: Japanese scientists have developed a novel fire extinguisher for use in space enviroments that sucks in the flame as well as combustion product.

The Vacuum Extinguish Method (VEM), designed by researchers at the Toyohashi University of Technology is based on the completely "reverse" operation of widely-used fire extinguisher, namely, spraying extinguisher agents into the firing point. VEM is sucking the flame as well as combustion product, even fire source, by vacuum into the vacuum chamber to remove the firing matters from the space of interest. This reverse concept shall be suitable for the special environments that are highly enclosed — such as space vehicles and submarines — to prevent or suppress spreading the harmful combustion products such as fume, particulate matters, toxic gas component across the entire enclosed cabin.

The research team expects VEM to be an upcoming technique in future space missions and that the concept would also be applicable for extinguishing fire in vacuum conditions which is unmanageable with currently-used extinguishers such as metal powder fire.

Experiment to detect marine waste from space

PLASTIC FILTH

LESBOS ISLAND: Knee-deep in water on a picture-postcard Lesbos island beach, a team of Greek university students gently deposits a wall-sized PVC frame on the surface before divers moor it at sea. Holding in plastic bags and bottles, four of the 5 metre-by-5-metre frames are part of an experiment to determine if seaborne litter can be detected with EU satellites and drones.

"This was the first big day," says project supervisor Konstantinos Topuzelis, an assistant professor at the University of the Aegean department of Marine Sciences, said of the scene from last week.

"All the targets were carried into the sea, the satellites passed by and we're ready to fill out the first report." The results of the experiment — *Satellite Testing*

and Drone Mapping for Marine Plastics on the Aegean Sea — by the university's Marine Remote Sensing Group will be presented at a ESA's symposium in Milan in May. "The main advantage is that we are using existing tools," which brings down costs and makes it easier to scale up, says Dimitris Papageorgiou, one of the 60 undergraduate and post-graduate students who worked on the experiment.

The team gathered some 2,000 plastic bottles and lashed them to the frames. Other targets were crafted with plastic bags, as these are even harder to spot in the water.

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My Clients, **(1) Sri. HARI KRISHNA CHAITANYA VULLI,** S/o. Venkata Srinivasa Rao Vulli, aged about 33 years, and **(2) Smt. ANUSHA NELLURI, W/o. Hari Krishna Chitanya Vulli,** aged about 30 years, both are R/at F.No. 108, Shri Sai Residency, III Cross, II Main, Panathur, J.C.R. Layout, Bengaluru -560087, have negotiated to Purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt. BHARATHI CHOCKALINGAM, W/o. Sri.P.SATHISH PRATHABAN,** aged about 40 years, R/at Nos. 68 & 69, 6th Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Munnekolalu, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, the Public is hereby notified that if any persons have any objections, claims for the aforesaid transaction my intimate me with supporting documents **within 07 days,** from this Notice, otherwise I will conclude the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Property bearing Nos. 68 & 69, Katha No. 2984, Ward No.149, situated at 6th Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Munnekolalau, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet totally 2400 Sq.ft. and RCC Roofed Building constructed theron and consisting of the Ground & first Floors totally built up area of 3200 Sq.ft having Granite Flooring. Teak and Honne Wood Doors and windows with Electrical, Water and Sanitary facilities and bounded by: **EAST by :** 25ft Road, **WEST by :** Property No.67 & 66, **NORTH by :** Property bearing No.70, **SOUTH by :** 30 feet Road.

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NIT No .04/EE(E)/TCED/2019-20

Name of Work: Construction of Library for Central University Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur. Sub head: Providing Internal EI & Fans, Providing Fire Alarm and Fire Fighting -reg.

Estimated Cost: **Rs.59,85,910/-** EMD: **Rs.1,19,718/-** and Time of completion: **06 Months.**

The Tender forms and other Details can be obtained from the web site **www.tenderwizard.com /CPWD** or **www.cpwd.gov.in** or **www.eprocure.gov.in** free of cost.

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Name of Work: Construction of Training and Placement building for NIT at Trichy. SH: Hiring of One LMV for Government Service. -reg.

Estimated Cost: **Rs.6,95,000/-** EMD: **Rs.13,900/-** and Time of completion: **12 Months.**

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NIT No .05/EE(E)/TCED/2019-20.

Name of Work: Providing VRF/VRV & Split Type Room AC's in department of Architecture Building for at NIT -Trichy - reg.

Estimated Cost: **Rs.37,34,923/-** EMD: **Rs.74,698/-** and Time of completion: **02 Months.**

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FORM III-A

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT: BANGALORE

WRIT PETItion NO.50366/2018 (SCST)
(Notice under Rule 13(a) proviso)

PETITIONER:
Sri. K.N. Krishna Reddy S/o. Late Nanjappa Reddy, aged about 73 Years, R/at No. 41/9, 13th Cross, 6th "D" Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 038. By Sri: Subramanya R, ADV.,

V/s

RESPONDENTS:
1. State of Karnataka Department of Revenue, Vidhana Soudha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001. Represented by its Principal Secretary. And 15 Others.

Respondent No: 4

To,
4. Sri. Ramanjinappa S/o Late Anjinappa Aged about 64 Years, R/at Chikkagubbi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk -560 049.

Whereas a writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the constitution of India, as in the copy annexed hereunto, has been registered by this Court.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by Law to act for you in this case, at 10.30 AM in the forenoon on 30.05.2019 to show cause why rule nisi should not be issued.

If you fail so to appear on the said date or any subsequent date to which the matter may be posted as directed by the Court, without any further notice, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided on merits in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court on **thursday, the 11th day of April 2019.**

By order of the court
Sd/- (A.S. Savithri)
Assistant Registrar

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Roc No: PR4/13905/Adv.No.21/PRO/2019, Dated: 22-04-2019 **Executive Officer**

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I, (OLD NAME) N.A.ARUNA, Son of N.C.Aiyanna, Residing at No. 9, 1st Main, Kaveri Nilaya, Rangappa Garden, Near STS Church, T.C.Palya, Bangalore-560036, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ARUN N.A** vide affidavit Dated 17/4/2019 sworn before Notary C. Sasikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, M.VASANTH KUMAR, son of Sri.M.R.Muniyappa residing at No. 23/3-48, J K Form, Dubasipalya, RV College post, Bangalore-59 changed the name of my minor son from **M.V.HARSHA** to **M.V.S.TANVISH** as per the Judgement and Decree dated 30.03.2019 passed by the Hon'ble VII Addl City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore in OS No.7191/2018.

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I, Muppala Bhuvaneshwara Raju, S/o M.Krishnam Raju, R/at #10A/58, 1st Cross, Hebbal Binny Mill Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-32, Karnataka State. I have changed my name from **MUPPLA BHUVANESHWARA RAJU** to **MUPPALA BHUVANESHWARA RAJU,** Vide affidavit dated 15.04.2019, before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Umadevi Muppala, W/o Bhuvaneswara Raju Muppala, R/at #10A/58, 1st Cross, Hebbal Binny Mill Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-32, Karnataka State. I have changed my name from **UMADEVI MUPPLA** to **UMADEVI MUPPALA,** Vide affidavit dated 15.04.2019, before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Umadevi Muppala, W/o Bhuvaneswara Raju, R/at #10A/58, 1st Cross, Hebbal Binny Mill Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-32, Karnataka State. I have changed my son(Minor) name from **VAMSIDHAR MUPPLA** to **VAMSIDHAR MUPPALA,** Vide affidavit dated 15.04.2019, before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Umadevi Muppala, W/o Bhuvaneswara Raju, R/at #10A/58, 1st Cross, Hebbal Binny Mill Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-32, Karnataka State. I have changed my daughter(Minor) name from **HARIPRIYA MUPPLA** to **HARIPRIYA MUPPALA,** Vide affidavit dated 15.04.2019, before Notary K.Ramegowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASHRAFUL ALOM, S/o. Rafique Uddin Borbhuyan, residing at 134, 6th Main, 2nd Phase, Anugraha Layout, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560 076, have changed my name from **ASHRAFUL ALOM** to **ASHRAF BORBHUYAN.** Vide affidavit dated 22-4-2019 sworn before Notary P. Anuradha at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. SIJI BIJU,** W/o Biju .P.D, aged about 44 years, R/a #30, Sangam Enclave, Opp. Gold Summit, Hennur Main Road, Gubbi Cross, Kothanur Post, Bangalore-77, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SIJIMOL THOMAS** and **SIJI BIJU** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 20-04-2019, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMITABH DIBYARAJ,** S/o Mr. Pramod Kumar Verma, aged 31 years, R/a #5, 1st Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore-37, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AMITABH DIBYARAJ** to **AMITABH DIVYARAJ,** vide affidavit dated 20-04-2019, sworn before Advocate and Notary **INDIRA .S.S** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SWATI RAMKRISHNA GUPTA,** aged about 40 years, W/o Mr. Siddharth Mittal, R/a Villa No. 667, Phase 3, Adarsh Palm Retreat, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SWATI RAMKRISHNA GUPTA** and **SWATI SIDDHARTH MITTAL** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 09-04-2019, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K.O. SANGEETHA,** aged about 39 years, W/o Sri S.A. Rajesh, R/a No. 78, 4th Cross, Vyalikaval Layout, (near GKW Layout Bus Stand), Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K.O. SANGEETHA** to **K.P. SANGEETHA,** vide affidavit dated 22-04-2019, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BALAJI SINGH VITTAL,** S/o Vittal Singh Ram Singh, R/o No. 9, Doddabele Road, near KSRTC Work Shop, Brundavana Layout, Kengeri, Bangalore South, Bangalore-60, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BALAJI SNGH VITTAL SINGH** to **BALAJI SINGH VITTAL,** vide affidavit dated 22-4-2019, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.K.R. KRISHNAMURTHY,** at Bangalore.

ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, K. MADHAN KUMAR R/at No.204 2nd floor Elegance Lalbagh View Apts Siddapura Jayanagar 1st Block B,lore-11 have changed my minor son's name from RASWANTH KANNAN MADHAN KUMAR to ASHITH SURYA RAJU, vide affidavit dated 20.04.2019 sworn to before notary M. Rajendra Bangalore-73.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

Form-III
(See sub-rule (3) of rule 3)

No.: BDA/TDR Cell/Form-3/357/2018-19 Date: 22.04.2019

NOTIFICATION

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The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development rights are to be issued in lieu of Monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land/building area surrendered and land owners for which Development Rights Certificate is to be issued.

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1	Sy.No.18/3, Katha No.88/18/3 of Kodigehalli Village, K.R.Puram (H) Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru	Widening of Devasandra Main Road Hoodi Cross to Kadugodi via Kodigehalli, Sadara-mangala Belathuru	As per Survey Drawing	172.50 Sq.mtr	East: Remaining land of Sy.No.18/3 West: Road; North: Sy.No. 18/2 South: Sy.No.5	V.Ramachandra S/o. Late Erappa, Kodigehalli Village K.R.Puram (H) Bengaluru East Taluk

Sd/- Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru

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1	V.P. Katha No. 723/41, Sy No. 41 Kurude Sonnenahalli Village, Bidarahalli (H) Bengaluru East Taluk.	Widening of Kurudu Sonnenahalli Village to Varthur-Bengaluru	As per Survey Drawing	1257.96 Sq.mtrs	East. Sy No. 40; West: Remaining portion of Sy No.41; North: Sy No. 47; South: Sy No.40;	Anand Reddy S/o Gangi Reddy, #51, 52 & 53, Upasana Sannidhi, Ajith Layout, Basavanapura Main Road, Bhattarahalli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-49.

Sd/- Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru

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Death anniversary

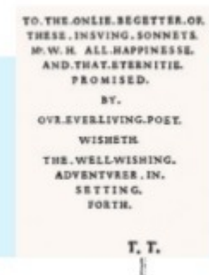
William Shakespeare, considered to be one of the greatest dramatists of all time, passed away on this day in 1616

MYSTERIOUS DEATH

The cause of his death is not known, though a commonly held theory is that he died due to a fever after a drinking binge with playwrights Ben Jonson and Michael Drayton

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

By 1599, Shakespeare and his business partners built a theatre on the south bank of the Thames River, which they called the Globe Theatre due to its design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POETRY APLENTY

Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets, all dedicated to 'Mr W.H.' Many believe he is the playwright's patron and the 'fair youth' in his poems

Ravi Basrur to direct Vinay Rajkumar's next

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REVENGE CASES CAUSING RISE IN ABDUCTION OF MEN, SAY COPS

Twenty one cases of kidnapping of men were registered in the first three months of this year

Abduction cases of victims aged over 18 years

Men

21	2019 (till March 31)
38	2018
95	2017

Women

7	2019 (till March 31)
39	2018
50	2017

● **Preeja Prasad**

An increase in cases involving personal revenge and threats is among the key factors causing a steep rise in men falling victims to abduction, according to the city police. As many as 21 cases of abduction of adult men were registered till March 31 this year, as compared to 38 cases in the entire 2018, figures from the City Crime Records Bureau (CCRB) show.

This does not, however, mean that Bengaluru is unsafe, as all the cases involve ransom collection, the police said. "Some of these cases include rowdy elements, where along with extortion, we register them under kidnapping as well. Most of them are due to personal rivalries," T Suneel Kumar, Police Commissioner, said. The police have been successful in ensuring the safe return of victims this year, officials said.

"Through body language and facial recognition, we are able to identify the abductors. Ransom collection, personal revenge and threats are the main reasons behind the crime," K Ajay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Control Room), said, adding that the process of nabbing the perpetrators would be hastened after the installation of 5,000 CCTV cameras in the city. "As of now, we use cameras of ATMs or nearby shops," he said.

The number of cases involving abduction of women reached seven till March-end. "Many of these cases concern elopement, and the family registers a case saying the girl was kidnapped," DCP (South-east) Isha Pant said. "We later find out that the elopement was consensual and if both are adults, we dispose the case," she added, asserting that kidnapping cases are taken seriously.

Among the men abducted this year was a businessman who was kidnapped for the fourth time by his former employees. Earlier this month, the police arrested three people for allegedly kidnapping the startup owner as he was unable to pay their salaries. Another case involved a plumber with a history of vehicle thefts. He was arrested with two of his associates last month in connection with the eight-hour abduction and robbery of a Chennai-based software engineer. The technology professional was abducted from Electronics City Phase 2 while he was waiting at a bus stand. The culprits snatched his debit cards and forced him to reveal the PIN after threatening to kill him. The gangsters withdrew ₹45,000 from the victim's account.

Another incident took place last month where four men boarded an Ola cab and abducted the driver before assaulting and robbing him. The unidentified assailants allegedly even video-called his wife and took screenshots after asking her to strip.

> **Ransom collection, personal revenge and threats are the main reasons behind the kidnapping of men**
>
> —**K Ajay Kumar,** Deputy Commissioner of Police

An under-construction watch tower at Sun City Layout

Another month to go before Bellandur lake gets all 50 CCTV cameras

● **Lesly Joseph**

The recent frothing of Bellandur lake has again triggered debate on the efforts of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for the upkeep of water bodies in the city. Citizens are now raising questions about the delay in implementation of the project by BBMP to install surveillance cameras around Bellandur lake.

Taking cognisance of the repeated incidents of fire and the increasing water pollution due to dumping of garbage in the 951-acre lake, BBMP had sanctioned construction of watchtowers at ST Bed, Sun City and Ambedkar Nagar almost two years ago. Marshals will be deployed at each watch tower to keep a 24-hour surveillance on miscreants and other illegal activities. Right now, only two watch towers are functional. The project is still pending.

"There is one CCTV camera next to my apartment. So nowadays, people don't throw anything on Yemlur side, keeping in mind the camera. But they still dump waste at other parts of the Bellandur lake, where there are no CCTV cameras," Vishrut Singh, a resident of Yemlur, said.

The installation of 50 CCTV cameras will be over in one month, the Solid Waste Management (SWM) department of BBMP told *CE*. "Miscreants set the foliage on fire and throw rubbish in the lake," Sarfaraz Khan, Joint Commissioner of SWM Department, BBMP, said. "If we can stop such activities, we can definitely control the problem to a great extent," he added.

BBMP has proposed installation of 50 cameras near different outlets and inlets of the lake, along with exclusive control rooms. "We have already installed 15 cameras, but there was a delay in the project because of the difficulty to reach the tower locations and interruptions in power supply," Khan said.

> **People are dumping household waste into the water at other parts of the Bellandur lake, where there are no CCTV cameras**
>
> —**Vishrut Singh,** a resident of Yemlur

Loud pubs may not be music to ears

Parents, take note: Noisy toys may even cause hearing loss

Suspecting that her five-year-old son had stopped responding to sounds, a mother recently took the child to an ENT specialist in the city. The child had normal hearing until then. A detailed evaluation revealed that he was suffering from moderate to severe hearing loss, for which he needed hearing aid. The doctor explored further, and discovered a startling reason – a toy police car with a siren whose sound reached over 110 decibel (dB). Noisy toys are one of the main reasons for hearing issues in infants and children, said Dr Girish Anand M S, consultant-ENT, Aster CMI Hospital, who examines five to six cases a month related to hearing loss in kids. "Some children have wax in the ears, and the problem gets resolved with its removal. Other reasons may be birth defects, high fever, etc. When children who have normal reports at birth and no other history suffer from hearing loss, it raises suspicions of noise-induced hearing loss. I have identified two such cases this month," he added. According to Krishnakumar G, audiologist, CEO and founder of HearFon Hearing and Speech Clinic, continuous exposure to loud noises can also cause irritability in a child. "Parents should muffle noisy toys before the child is allowed to play with it," he said.

Precautions

Use a Decibel meter app to buy toys that sound less than 85 dB.

See that the child keeps such toys away from ears

Discourage kids from using earphones for devices

Exposure to noise levels over 85 dB can impair hearing, say doctors

● **Aarthi M**

As much fun as a visit to a favourite pub sounds, doctors say the loud music may have serious consequences. Many patients in the age group of 25 to 45 years are seeking medical help now, complaining of temporary hearing loss or buzzing sound in the ear, after repeated exposure to high decibel sounds at pubs. In extreme cases, it may also lead to loss of hearing, doctors say.

Exposure to noise levels over 85 dB can lead to damage to the hearing cells, Dr Girish Anand MS, consultant-ENT, Aster CMI Hospital, said. "Noise levels at pubs may reach up to 110 decibels, which definitely cause damage to the ears. It can lead to a weakening of the hearing cells in the initial stages, called temporary threshold, for about 3-4 hours, after which the cells revert to normal. However, some people develop permanent damage to the cells, leading to hearing loss," he said, adding that people may also experience sounds in the ear, called tinnitus, which suggests damage to the inner ear.

"If evaluated immediately, certain precautions can be taken to prevent further damage. Otherwise, it can lead to permanent damage which would require use of hearing aids," Anand pointed out, talking about a 40-year-old patient who complained of severe giddiness, vomiting, decreased hearing and ear pain following a visit to a pub with his friends. He was seated next to the stereo, and the malfunctioning speaker was giving out a loud blast of sound. The man began experiencing severe pain in the ear. Medical examination found that he had suffered a tear in the eardrum. His symptoms improved after immediate medication was started, and the tear in the eardrum healed in 15 days.

The situation gets worse when people smoke or consume liquor, as alcohol causes neural issues in the body which may worsen upon exposure to loud music, Dr Subramanya Rao, consultant ENT, Head and Neck Onco Surgeon, Columbia Asia Referral Hospital, Yeshwanthpur, said. Doctors say one should take preventive measures such as avoiding seats near the stereo, using ear muffs or ear plugs, and taking breaks to step out of the noise zone.

Pub owners say they are required to keep the music volume below 65 dB. "When we apply for the music licence, the Pollution Control Board checks our volume levels, which are required to be below 65 dB," Mukesh Tolani, the owner of Toit in Indiranagar, said, adding, "The music levels are pre-recorded on the system and we try to keep it low so that people can have conversation without any disturbance."

CITY READ

IIMB ranks 61 globally in MBA Rankings 2019

The B-school's post graduate programme in Enterprise Management has been ranked 12th in APAC and 61st globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019. The QS Rankings identify the world's top universities in individual subject areas.

Mgmt fest to identify future business leaders

Centre for Management Studies Presidency College is organising a management fest on April 24. NEMESIS 2019 will be a platform for identifying future business leaders from streams like Human Resource, Marketing and Finance. Each event is named after the robots of the Hollywood movie, Pacific Rim. The overall winning team will be awarded a trophy.

TRIO World Academy celebrates World Earth Day

In keeping up with its commitment to a better and safer environment, the students of Trio World Academy observed World Earth Day recently. Students spent time in constructive activities and were educated about the importance of protecting the environment for the sustainable development of the world. They also pledged for action on climate change.

NOT JUST JAVA

Techies catch foreign language bug at Bangalore varsity

● **Aarthi M**

Global Languages at the Bengaluru Central University has introduced four new languages this year - Thai, Hebrew, Polish and Dutch. This is in addition to the other languages it teaches, which are French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Finnish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Arabic. Techies and students seem to be the most popular takers for such courses.

This year, 150 students signed up for the foreign language classes, as opposed to 120 last year. "Most of them are from the IT background, translators and students who wish to learn a foreign language based on the country they want to pursue their higher studies in. Engineers about to visit a different country for a project also join to get an idea of the language and culture," said centre coordinator Jyothi Venkatesh. German has about 60 students and Japanese has about 30 students, which are the highest compared to other languages.

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Nidhi K V, a third-year student at Sapthagiri College of Engineering, Hesarghatta Main road, has plans to pursue a Masters in science in a European country. The biotechnology student has signed up for German classes to gain competitive advantage since the language is spoken widely in those countries. "They give us projects that require us to present any topic related to European culture, like clothes or food. We have to do the whole thing in German. This improves our conversational skills and helps learn the language sooner," she explains.

Agreed Anthony Johnson Yesudas, a freelance aerospace engineer, who is now pursuing Spanish after French, Germany and Portuguese. "The classes at BU are useful as the professors are trained and efficient. The different levels, such as A1, A2, diploma and advanced diploma, also help since they gradually up the difficulty level, making the language easier to learn," he says. Yesudas used to work with the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and works with clients or companies situated in Europe. "So learning new languages is a must for me," he adds.

The course for the new languages started this March and is conducted on weekends for three hours at Bengaluru Central University. The four-month course costs about ₹8,000 and students are given certification after completion.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Theatre **Show**

Witness *Bad Hindu*, a Kattai Koothu (traditional Tamil theatre) performance based on The Mahabharata, but something happens when someone unexpected interrupts the storyteller. It is devised and performed by Sunandha Raghunathan.
Where: Atta Galatta, Koramangala
When: April 27, 7.30pm

Children's **Workshop**

Let your child participate in a curated session where specially trained instructors teach your children the art and science of flight in a fun and simple manner.
Where: VR Bengaluru, Whitefield
When: Till April 30, 11am - 5pm (weekdays) | 11am - 8pm (weekends)

Coffee Cup **Reading Session**

Take part in a personalised session that will focus on the aspects of your life that you would want to discuss including finance, health and relationships with renowned author, life coach Turkish coffee cup reader Shqipe Malushi. For registration, contact 98290 50904.
Where: Justbe Cafe, Sadashiv Nagar
When: Till April 25, 9am - 6pm

Fun **Lecture**

Attend a session by Ranga Krishnamani of Liquidink Design, who will focus on the topic, Blending Storytelling and Technology.
Where: Redd Experience Design, Indiranagar
When: April 26, 5pm onwards

CELEBRATE CANTONESE CUISINE WITH A SIX-COURSE SET EXPERIENCE COMPRISING OF SOME SIGNATURE DISHES AT YAUATCHA, MG ROAD FROM MON-THURS, 5PM - 11PM

FOOD

The Taste of Mangoes
Choose from Raw Mango and Cumin cooler, Mango Avocado toast, citrus ricotta and aam paapad, Cajun Chicken, Mango and quinoa and more.
Where: Cafe Felix, 1 MG Mall, Ulsoor
When: Ongoing

Beat the Heat
Quench your thirst with Berry Frappe, Banoffee Pie, Tropical Fruit Salad, Passion Pineapple, Jack Frost, Rose Faluda and Kaffir Lime. **Where:** All Barista outlets**When:** Ongoing, 11.30am - 11.30pm

Summer Chills
Relax and savour Cambodian prawns, Hanoi crisp parcels, Miso caramel cashew maki and refresh with summery cocktails like Strawberry and coconut cooler, Rosé melon sangria, Summer day drifter, etc. **Where:** Shiro, UB City
When: Till May 15, 12.30pm onwards

Flavours of Asia
Indulge in the best of Asian cuisine with lemon basil bean soup, crispy tofu chilli dip, three treasure mushroom rendong curry and steam prawn superior garlic sauce.
Where: China Bistro, Indiranagar
When: Till May 3

Mango with a Twist
Try the specially crafted Mango Wheat Beer to beat the heat this summer.
Where: Bangalore Brew Works, Residency Road**When:** Ongoing

ART AND CULTURE

Summer Programme
Samashraya Academy will be conducting their annual adolescent empowerment programme, Koushalyam, this summer by art-based therapy practitioner Sumathi Ramjee. It is designed for children between the age of 12 - 16. For details, contact Shyama Ravindra at 7204688045. **Where:** Samashraya Academy, Anjanapura main Road **When:** April 22 - May 3

Baking Session
Attend a short-term eggless baking session where you will learn how to replace eggs to make cookies, tarts, pies, travel cakes, classic desserts and modern French style cakes. **Where:** 29, 1st Main Rd, S.T Bed, 1st Block Koramangala
When: Till April 27, 10am - 5pm

Kannada Play
Spend a splendid laughter-filled evening with a Kannada comedy play, *Beg Borrow Aliya*, written by M S Narasimhamurthy and directed by Hanu Ramasanjeeva.
Where: KH Kalasoudha, Hanumanthanagara **When:** April 27, 5pm

Music Fest For Charity
Enjoy a wide variety of chorus, dance, guitar, piano, violin performed by professionals and amateurs, Indians and Japanese, adults and children.
Where: 1Q1 Kitchen & Bar, Queen's Road
When: April 27, 3pm - 6pm

Bakery Workshop
Chef Anahita Dhondy is back in town with a bakery workshop where she will demonstrate four of her best bakery recipes – Parsi Pancakes-Chatpat, Old School Chocolate Brownies, Classic Caramel Custard, Salted Butter Cookies dipped in chocolate.
Where: SodaBottleOpenerWala, Lavelle Road **When:** April 24, 4pm - 6.30pm

Trivia Night
Participate in the Avengers: Endgame Trivia Night and win movie tickets to a special screening of Avengers: Endgame organised at PVR by Star Movies. The quiz comprises of three rounds, lasting for a total of 90 minutes. For further information, contact- Ace of Pubs +91 77383 77775. **Where:** Church Street Social, Church Street | Sarjapur Social, Sarjapur Main Road **When:** April 24, 8pm onwards

Culinary Masterclass
Join Bengaluru's renowned food consultant, writer and chef Monika Manchanda as she is all set to take you on a culinary journey across India with a tantalising four-course masterclass. **Where:** Design Cafe, St Mark's Road **When:** April 27, 4pm - 6pm

Art Exhibition
Be a part of 'Rotary Avani', a festival of ecology in the city. Avani was first conceived and executed by Rotary Club of Bengaluru Lalbagh in 2018. The club's theme is 'Urban Ecology Redefined'. An art exbition is being held among a series of other events. **Where:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: April 23 - June 5

GENERAL

Vocal recital:
Seshadripuram Ramaseva Samithi celebrates 'Sri Ramanavami Sangeetotsava', Vocal duet by Raghunandan and Goda Manu and party,
Where: Rashtrakavi Kuvemp Ranga Mandira, Seshadripuram College premises, Nagappa Street, Seshadripuram **When:** Today at 6.30pm

Bharatanatyam:
Vani Kala Kendra celebrates 'Sri Ramanavami Sangeetotsava', Baratanatyam by Suchitra Diwakar and party(7.30pm), **Where:** Vani Vidya Kendra, Basaveshwaranagar **When:** Today

General:
World book and Copy Writer's Day, Siddalingaiah, Veteran Poet and convener, Kannada Adviser Mandali, Sahithya Academy,Delhi will be the chief guest, Dr Chandrashekar, President, Sahithya Academy, Delhi will preside, **Where:** Sabhagana, Kendra Sahithya Academy, Central College Premises, B R Ambedkar Veedhi **When:** Today at 11am

SPIRITUAL

Religious Talk:
Spiritual discourse on 'Naamasrishti' by Dr KG Subraya Sharma **Where:** Vedantha Nilaya, Sakamma Gardens, Basavanagudi **When:** Today at 9am

Divine Talk:
Talk on 'Sankalpaha Bramha' by Dr KG Subraya Sharma **Where:** Adhyaatma Mandira, VV Puram
When: Today at 7.45am

Music Festival:
Sree Ramaseva Mandali celebrates 'Sree Ramanavami Global Music Festival', Vocal recital by Shankarimoorthy Balila and party (4.45pm),
Where: Sree Ramaseva Mandali Trust, Old Fort High School Grounds, Chamarajapet,
When: Today

Discourse:
Discourse on 'Harivamsha' by Krishnaraja Murthy,
Where: Ragigudda Sree Prasanna Anjaneyaswamy Bhaktha Mandali Trust, 9th Block, Jayanagar,
When: Today at 6.30pm

Bhajans:
Bhajans by Sree Haripriya Narayana Bhajana Mandali troupe,
Where: Nanjangud Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt,5th Block, Jayanagar
When: Today at 6.30pm

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Kavacha (U/A)
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Kalank (U/A)
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The Tashkent Files (U/A)
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WHAT TO WATCH

Kalank (U/A)
Director: Abhishek Verman,
Cast: Alia Bhatt, Varun Bhawan, Sanjay Dutt

Set in 1945, the elite and solemn world of the Chaudhry family, and the wild, mysterious and musical underbelly of the town, Hira Mandi, clash when Roop Chaudhry encounters Zafar, a daredevil from Hira Mandi, unleashing deep-buried truths

ENGLISH

The Curse Of The Weeping Woman (A)
Linda Cardellini,Patricia Velásquez, Sean Patrick Thomas, Raymond Cruz
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BENGALURU DIGEST

Live music at Bengaluru airport

Independent record label Half Step Rock will showcase Blues and Jazz performances by various artistes from across the country at the Bengaluru airport. The music will be played on April 27, from 7.30pm to 10pm at The Quad by BLR, Kempegowda International Airport. Ajay, Jenny, Abhishek, Jimbo and Kennedy will perform live.

Street play on cyberbullying to be held in the city

A street play titled Say No To Cyberbullying will be staged at Lalbagh (bandstand) on April 28, Sunday, at 7am. The play has been organised by V For Youth and has been directed by Dr Anuradha HS, an adolescent paediatrician.

Sanskrit poet Dr Shankar Rajaraman honoured with Presidential Award

The Vice-President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, presented the 'Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' to Dr Shankar Rajaraman, a city-based Sanskrit poet, recently in New Delhi. He was honoured with ₹1,00,000 and a certificate from the President of India Ram Nath Kovind. He was conferred the award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Sanskrit language and literature.

IMA, Deepika Padukone's foundation slam *Mental Hai Kya*?

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) and actress Deepika Padukone's The Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLLF) recently condemned the title and poster of Kangana Ranaut and Rajkummar Rao-starrer *Mental Hai Kya?*
The IMA, along with the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), has appealed to the film's makers to withdraw the teasers and revise the title, read a statement. "The title *Mental Hai Kya?* is sarcastic and ridicules persons in pain. The best term to describe the sufferers is a person with mental illness. This term clearly communicates that mental illness is not a criterion to reject a person as a whole. The fact is that this sensational imagination is a perfect example of pathological risk taking behaviour. But the title of the film loudly ridicules persons with mental illness which is not only unethical and inhuman but also illegal," Santanu Sen, National President, IMA, said in a statement. A post from the official Twitter handle of TLLLF, read: "It is time we put an end to the use of words, imagery and/or the portrayal of persons with mental illness in a way that reinforces stereotypes.

– IANS

MADE WITH (PUPPY) LOVE: HEALTH FOOD FOR DOGS

City-based Bau Chow offers freshly cooked food thrice a week, which is customised as per the requirement of dogs based on life stage

● **Express Features**

More often than not, pet owners opt for kibble and processed food for their dogs only because of convenience, points out Taarun Malhotra, for whom this was the trigger to start Bau Chow in May 2018. "The pet food industry is an unregulated market that is dominated by processed kibble. As a pet parent, we all want to feed the best to our dogs, but sadly, there are not many nutritious food brands available in India. Some of the worst dog food brands in the market load up their products with inexpensive fillers like corn and wheat products – their products also tend to be carb-heavy instead of meat-based," he says, adding that low-quality pet foods make heavy use of by-products and plant proteins, in addition to artificial colours to make their products more palatable.

A pet-lover himself, Malhotra's idea was to enrich the life of dogs through the "one thing dogs love as much as they love their hoomans -– food". He started with an investment of ₹4,00,000 and a home-kitchen in Koramangala, offering monthly subscription to customers. Freshly cooked food is delivered thrice a week, which is customised as per the requirement of the dog based on life stages, breed, health, etc and specifically, for the senior and ill dogs. They offer different meal plans, including everyday meal plans, puppy meals, weight loss plans, renal diet plans, diet liver issues and skin infection, cancer support diets. "Our meals are customised based on the specifications of each pet, their weight, breed, age," he says.

Currently operational in Bengaluru, the price for the service ranges from ₹500 per kg for grain-free chicken meal and vary according to the specification of the clientele. While they've had 40 clients so far, Malhotra still recalls his first clients, Yuki and Pixie. "Weight loss diets were chosen for them both. Pixie had hip dysplasia and has now been weighing 34 kg since the last one year, while Yuki has now moved to a renal diet with minimal kidney issues as he is a senior dog," he says.

The challenge, Malhotra points out, has been getting customers to shift to natural home-cooked meal for dogs, as kibble is prescribed by the doctors. "Sometimes, there is a need to combat the trust of the doctor even though there are legitimate facts to prove the long-term effects of kibble on the pets," he says.

By 2021, Malhotra hopes to impact one lakh dogs, start services across metros, open more kitchens in Bengaluru, and start a chain of restaurants exclusively for dogs.

NOT A STRAY THOUGHT

Bau Chow also has Bau Chow Streeties Food, which has clients who feed over 60 street dogs. "The quality of food for street dogs is same as the food made to order to the other customers," Malhotra says.

Bau Chow offers different meal plans, including everyday meal plans, puppy meals, weight loss plans and renal diet plans | **Pandarinath B**

> **We all want to feed the best to our dogs, but sadly, there are not many nutritious brands available in India. Some brands load up their products with inexpensive fillers like corn and wheat products** —**Taarun Malhotra,** founder of Bau Chow

FOLLOW THIS

> **We often tend to overlook men's grooming necessities which need attention. Grooming neglect may result in brittle hair**
> —**Sai,** salon owner and stylist

Wash your hair once in three days. Trim your beard and moustache once in 15 days. Get a clean shave once in three months.

Oil massage is good for skin condition, texture, and tone. It helps with blood flow. Even for a clean shaven head, oil helps to keep it cool.

Tan removal and facials are the most common treatments. Applying sunscreen is effective. It's advisable to cover hair with a cloth before wearing a helmet.

A crew cut or summer cut is popular this season. Trim hair on the sides of the ears. This eases the sweat to flow out.

Most prefer a clean shave or a stubble. Beard oil works best to prevent itchiness and odour.

Mane matters: Summer grooming tips for men

● **Vaishali Vijaykumar**

Shashank Kumar dreads summer. The heat and sweat bring hair fall and stickiness on his scalp. Using a helmet makes it worse. Men do have their share of problems when it comes to grooming hair and beard during this season. While some prefer high-end salon hair treatments, some stick to their family barbers who suggest traditional remedies. When Shashank complained of hair fall to his barber, he said, "Use mother's handmade *shikakai* powder and everything will be fine. Coconut oil works as a natural conditioner."

Without a doubt, having facial hair is highly in fashion at the moment. Beard and moustache have become an emotion to many. Jahabar Sadique started growing his beard for religious reasons, five years back. Now it's one of the closest associations and has become an identity.

"My lengthy beard requires maintenance to reduce hair fall. I wash it multiple times with cold water. Since I need to do absolution before prayers, I invariably wash it five times a day. Apart from this, I shampoo it once every three days with a conditioner. If it's not maintained clean, the skin beneath becomes itchy. Once every two weeks, I trim the edges, it helps grow the beard in shape," he said.

Patchy skin, itch, dryness and greying are common problems. For some, changing styles frequently gives a fresher perspective. Veteran military officer Venugopal is one such.

"I go to salon only for a haircut. I've been experimenting with different beard styles at home with simple trimming and shaving techniques for the past 15 years. Some people associate my style with a particular hero or movie. We're all dominated by films and influence of media. My list of moustache styles includes horseshoe, walrus, pencil and handlebar. Especially my traditional South Indian *murukku meesai* is a symbol of pride. I take utmost care to protect it," said Venu.

Maintaining hair is the biggest challenge especially for men with long locks. Narain Neelakantan has long curly hair. He either lets it loose or wears a man bun. "A common question I encounter is about de-tangling. I go to the salon for that. I wash my hair often and go for a spa once in two weeks. Applying gel helps. Sticking to one technique is better, especially if you have long hair," he says.

ALTER EGO

This hotel general manager can't keep his hands off the tabla

● **Akhila Damodaran**

Shubhaskar Bose, general manager of Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel, has been playing the tabla since a long time. Born into a Bengali family, music at home was simply the norm. His two sisters were also into classical music and they were regulars at the All India Radio. Bose used to visit the Birla Sabhaghar and Kalamandir in Kolkata to attend Indian classical concerts and music festivals featuring stalwarts such as Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Shivkumar Sharma.

He says, "My father was fascinated by Ustad Zakir Hussain and Alla Rakha. Hence, he decided to get me into tabla. I started playing when I was about five years old." His interest further developed when he started receiving appreciation from his teachers and the audience. "I was short and my hands were small. It was difficult to play but I could get the right notes and even the experts who would take my practical exams were impressed," he mentions. Bose has also participated in several concerts but now, he says he hasn't been able to devote much time to music because of his tight schedule but still plays the tabla during his leisure hours. He says, "When I had just joined Taj in West Bengal, I remember there was a Nepali bell boy who used to sing really well. During our night shifts, I would join him and we used to sing together. Back then, there weren't too many international flights late at night, so we had more time."

Bose has found his world in hotel management and says music has helped him a lot. He practises three to four times a week. "Hotel management is a 365-day job. One cannot lock a hotel and go on vacations. Hence, it is important to find an interest that keeps you motivated to do your job and Indian classical music has helped me stay calmer, grounded and humble," he says. At Renaissance, he enjoys listening to artistes who play the flute and tabla in the morning every day. "Since I'm into Indian classical music, I understand their music better," he says.

Shubhaskar Bose

Apart from music, Bose loves sports and says football and cricket are an integral part of every Bengali household. He has played cricket all his teens and participated in several tournaments for the clubs he was representing, till he got a job in hotel management 17 years ago. He is also an avid traveller and has been to lesser-known places and loves to interact with local people and experience their culture and tradition.

Bose plans to get back to playing the tabla this year and plans to join a school to enhance his skills and meet like-minded people. He is also happy to see his eight-year-old daughter develop an interest in classical art and adds that she is learning Bharatnatyam as well.

100 ARTISTES TO PERFORM 33 DANCE STYLES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

> **The production glorifies the cultural richness of our country. Viewers will get to learn a lot about India through the dance**
> —**Dr Sanjay Shantaram,** artistic director

● **Express Features**

Dr Sanjay Shantaram and Rathna Supriya are two dancers on a mission. The two have collaborated and choreographed the production Apoorva Bharatam, but what makes the production special? It will feature 100 dancers who will perform 33 Indian dance forms, including folk and classical forms such as Bihu from Assam, Karaga Kavadi Puliattam from Tamil Nadu, Bhangra and Garbha and Ghumar from Rajasthan. The dancers share that they hope to educate children and inculcate a sense of patriotism through their performance.

Dr Shantaram, artistic director of Shivpriya School of Dance and Music, says, "The production glorifies the cultural richness and heritage of our country. Audiences will get to see and learn a lot about India through the dance presentation, which celebrates unity in diversity."

Besides dance, the production will also incorporate elements of theatre to make the narrative more gripping. "We will showcase events of historical importance, so some events from the lives of Shivaji and Mahatma Gandhi will be performed. Scenes from Ramayana and Mahabharatha will also be incorporated," explains Dr Shantaram.

The duo has been planning for the production for a long time. The idea surfaced from a casual meeting between Supriya and Dr Shantaram, who realised their mutual interest in projecting the country with pride through dance and theatre. Most of the dancers are from both their dance schools: Shivpriya School of Dance and Music and Nithya Narthana Priya School of Bharatnatyam. The Odissi, Mohiniattam, Yakshagana and Kathakali artistes have been invited from other schools.

Dancers will perform various art forms such as Bihu, Bhangra and Ghumar

"We divided the choreography between each other to make the process smooth and quick. Both of us have made several attempts to maintain the nativity and authenticity of the respective dance style. We have been working on this since January," he says, adding that he will also be performing the Shiv Tandava and several other folk dances.

Their biggest challenge was getting together all the artistes. "We had to look for tailors to stitch the costumes exclusively for the production. But no matter the difficulty, we cherish every moment of working towards this production," Dr Shantaram adds.

The event will be held on April 26, 6pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram.

VINAY RAJKUMAR'S NEXT TO BE DIRECTED BY RAVI BASRUR

Film to be bankrolled by producer NS Rajkumar; announcement likely to be made on actor's birthday on May 7

A Sharadhaa

Vinay Rajkumar, who was last seen in *Ananthu v/s Nusrath*, is busy with his latest project *Graamayana*, directed by Devanuru Chandru. Meanwhile, the buzz in the industry is that the actor's next will be bankrolled by NS Rajkumar, which will be helmed by music composer and director, Ravi Basrur.

According to sources, it is this script that has brought the trio together. Vinay is quite choosy with his projects, why is why he isn't rushing into signing offers. Ravi Basrur's subject is touted to be a commercial plot, and is said to be quite apt for the *Ananthu v/s Nusrath* actor. The story has also got a green signal from his father, Raghavendra Rajkumar. Now, it is just a matter of an official announcement, which is probably going to be made on Vinay's birthday on May 7.

This yet-to-be-titled project will be the third time producer Rajkumar and director Ravi Basrur are working together. The duo has previously associated for *Kataka* and their next outing will be *Girmit*.

While Rajkumar has previously produced interesting projects such as *Prithvi, Jatta, Myna, Mythri,* Ravi Basrur, the music composer of Prashanth-Neel's *KGF*, made his directorial debut with *Gargar Mandala*. Now, with Vinay joining hands with the two, it makes for an interesting combination to watch out for.

Vinay Rajkumar

N S Rajkumar

Ravi Basrur

A still from the film

AndhaDhun crosses ₹ 300 crore mark at China box office

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Sriram Raghavan's 2018 comic thriller, AndhaDhun, has crossed the ₹ 300 crore mark at the Chinese box office, becoming the third highest-grossing Indian film in China. The top two positions are occupied by *Dangal* and *Secret Superstar,* both starring Aamir Khan.

Starring Ayushmann Khurrana as a visually-impaired pianist, *AndhaDhun* was released to critical and commercial success in India on October 5, 2018. The film also starred Radhika Apte and Tabu. Made on an estimated budget of ₹ 32 crore, the crime comedy has collected over ₹ 400 crore worldwide so far.

Ajit Andhare, COO - Viacom18 Motion Pictures, said, "I am delighted that the approach of picking unusual stories stands rewarded not only in India and diaspora market but in a new market like China. An Indian film has exceeded Hollywood tent poles like Shazam!. This success also dispels the belief that Hindi films need to have a social issue to succeed in China box office. Its a great moment for Indian Cinema."

'Want to begin my career with Kannada industry because I belong here'

... says Zaid Khan in his first interview with *City Express*; reveals he was supposed to be launched 3 years ago but took time to lock a script, before finally picking Jayathirtha's

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Meet Zaid Khan, the new hero on the Sandalwood block. Son of a politician, Zameer Ahmed, this fresher is not only carving a niche for himself but is also hell bent on creating his own identity, right from his first film. By his own account, the newbie met at least 60 directors before he locked a script with director Jayathirtha B V.

"Yes, my first project will be by Jayathirtha. However, everything will be taken forward after a month. I am waiting for Ramzan to get over, after which I will sit with the director for the script. Three months post that, we will go on floors with the project. This is likely to be in August," says Zaid, in his first interview with *City Express*.

The fresher, who was trained at Anupam Kher's acting school, says he was supposed to be launched three years ago. "Fortunately or unfortunately, the directors and I could not come to terms with the subject, until Jayathirtha's script came through," he says, adding that every filmmaker he met before was also good, however, their wavelengths did not match. "I think an actor and director should be like husband and wife - there should be an understanding between them. Only then can we see their work pay off on screen. There were directors who had good scripts but no good productional backup. I don't have any knowledge of production, so I didn't want to take risk. Some others didn't even have content," he explains.

So, what was it about Jayathirtha that Khan agreed to be a part of the project? "I knew Jayathirtha before *Bell Bottom,* but we hadn't interacted much. But when I saw *Bell Bottom*, I thought he was enthusiastic and creative. When I met him, I was happy to have found a director who understands me," he says. Zaid adds that Jayathirtha offered him a couple of options and the two eventually agreed on one they thought would suit him best.

This upcoming talent has also been trained in Kannada and Hindi diction. Since the past four months, he has also gotten actively involved with body building. He adds that he had all the opportunities to be launched in Bollywood, but was keen to begin his career in the Kannada industry. "This is where I belong. I have been watching Kannada films, and I see some meaningful stories in the industry. I always believe, 'Content doesn't want a star. It wants a story'. I want to be part of good scripts and I want people to find something unique in me. Not my background or where I come from. I am hoping my films will speak for me," he says.

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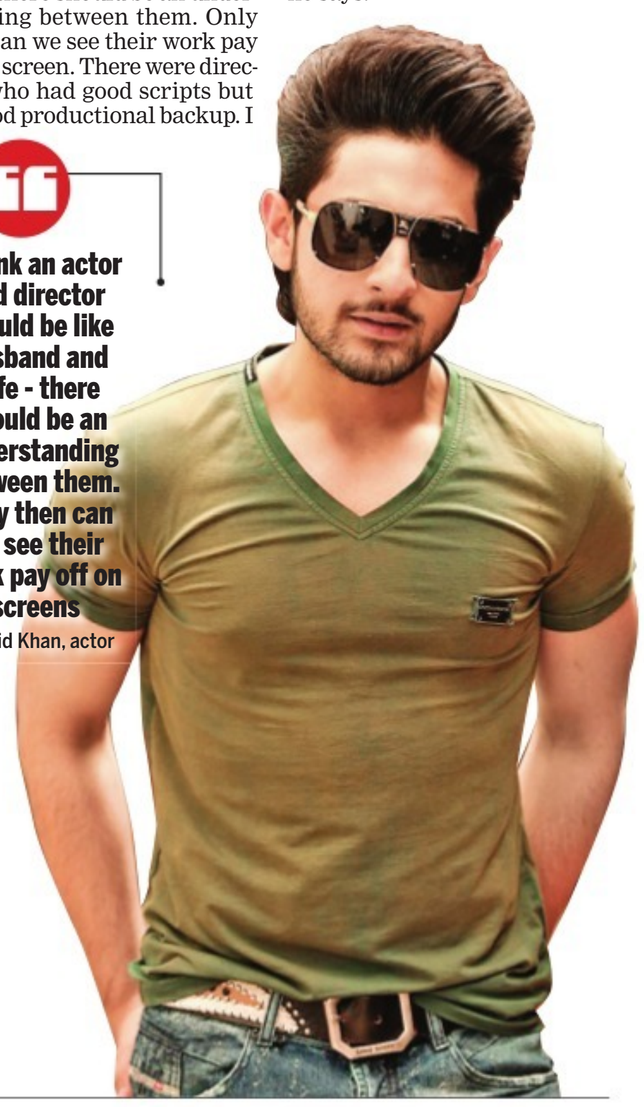

Ondalla Eradalla remake rights in huge demand

Film, directed by Satya Prakash and produced by Umapathy, won the Critics Choice Film Awards, which was picked by the makers at the award function in Mumbai

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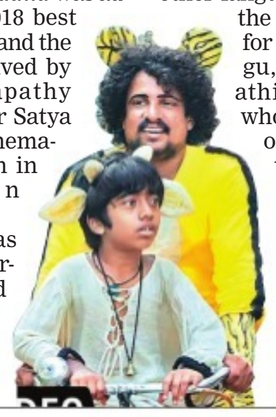
Blame it on the technical glitch, but the second outing of D Satya Prakash, *Ondalla Eradalla*, did not gets its due when it released in theatres. However, the film has brought back cheer to the team, after winning the 'Critics Choice Film Awards'. *Ondalla* was adjudged as the 2018 best film in Kannada, and the award was received by producer Umapathy Srinivas, director Satya Prakash, and cinematographer Lavith in Mumbai on Monday.

This award has re-ignited the interest in the film, and in all likelihood, *Ondalla Eradalla*, which stars Rohit Pandavpur and has music by Vasuki Vaibhav and Nobil Paul, might see a re-release. This call has to be taken by the producer, which will finalised in the coming days.

Interestingly, Satya Prakash's social drama, which revolves around a seven-year-old boy named Sameera and his pet Banu, has struck a chord among filmmakers of other languages. So much so, the film is in demand for a remake in Telugu, Tamil and Marathi. This producer, who has had a round of discussion is yet to take a call. He is now contemplating between selling the remake rights or investing in the remake of *Ondalla Eradalla* in other languages.



Umapathy S, D Satya Prakash and Lavith

Vir Das

Vir Das turns into serial-killing standup comic for *Hasmukh*

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Comedian-actor Vir Das on Monday shared his first look from the upcoming comic thriller series, *Hasmukh*. The show stars Vir as a rural man who is stand-up comic by day and a serial killer at night. Produced under his comedy collective banner Weirdass, *Hasmukh* is written by Vir and produced by Nikhil Advani. The series was shot primarily Mumbai and UP. Ranvir Shorey is also a part of the cast.

Speaking about his new avatar, Vir said, "*Hasmukh* has been new for me in every possible way. It's a character I have never dabbled with and also the writing process was drastically different, given I have previously not written comedy in Hindi. Plus this look, the character is very hinterland and not something the audience has seen me do before. So I'm excited because as an actor I like the idea of doing something new and taking on new challenges. And *Hasmukh* gave me exactly the opportunity for that."

Game of Thrones Episode 2 : Foreshadowing galore as emotions run high

Arunkumar Sekhar

While the older seasons took their time in setting the stage for many a payoff in *Game of Thrones,* we don't have such time anymore. That explains the hurriedly short trial of Jamie Lannister right at the start of the episode. With that, all three Lannisters have now been put on trial and the outcomes for all three have been based on one word, honour - individual, familial and perceived. But what is also interesting is that all three Lannisters have the same emotion that underpinned their trials: Remorselessness. In stark contrast (pardon the pun) with Cersei's, Jaime's is probably the greatest redemptive arc we have seen in modern day television.

The heartfelt (and only) apology he makes, ends with one of the most threatening reveals about his fate. Shocked, he still gathers the courage necessary to move on to the next. His repartee with Brienne of Tarth as they both discuss Podrick can be thought of as a metaphor for Jaime's arc too. But it doesn't stop there for Jaime and Brienne, who have one of the most brilliant scenes in the series history. It is interesting to note the parallels here. Remember the last time Brienne knelt before a man, one whom she loved, on the eve of war? There is also a famous book easter egg dropped here in the form of Jaime doing the deed he does. It was much the same way he got his wish fulfilled at the hands of Ser Arthur Dayne, a Kingsguard for Aerys, the Mad King.

Aside from Jaime, this episode had chock full of foreshadowing for Tyrion in particular. Getting called a fool for the second week straight doesn't bode well for the man who 'drinks and knows things'. Add to this, him recalling to Jaime his season 1 wish of how he would like to die, things went dark quite fast for our favourite dwarf. But he dropped a stray sentence in the middle of the episode, where he proclaims that he believes 'we still may live through this' (the only one expressing that in a hopeful manner, albeit with some sarcasm) and that combined with the rest of his actions only makes me ask the question I didn't think I would: Is Tyrion working hand-in-glove with Cersei and actually a traitor? There is one menacing line he utters about how he would treat Cersei after he meets her at King's Landing. What was the deal that took place in the season 7 finale?

Emotions ran high all episode. Tormund and Edd arrived quite early and get told them they only have till sunrise to prepare their defenses. Soon after, we get numerous small moments that are so typical of *Game of Thrones* that you alternate between smiling and trying to hold back tears. Be it Sansa's emotional reunion, the meeting between the series' resident atheist and its fire sword-toting messenger of god, the sword that Arya really wants from Gendry or the final stand of the remaining Night's Watch.

With the episode coming to its end, the show, just like they had promised in promotions prior, answered the question: Who really is the Night King's target? The truth is revealed when the war council meets and puts an elaborate plan for its last stand at Winterfell against the army of the dead. But in true Game of Thrones style, just when you think the answers are all out there, in comes not one but three potential events foreshadowing that things will go absolutely awry. First is the mutiple references to the crypts of Winterfell. Second is the final shot of the episode with one glaring omission. And third, and my most favourite, is the song that Podrick sings: Jenny's Song. Pay close attention.

Everytime a song from the ASOIAF book lore comes to the series, it has had a lasting impact. *The Bear* and *The Maiden Fair in Season 2*, *Rains of Castamere in Seasons 2* and 3, *The Dornishman's Wife in Season 5* and now, Jenny's Song. It is the song of *Jenny of Oldstones*, a peasant girl for whom a Targaryen king threw away his right to rule, for the sake of love. When Pod (and later Florence and The Machine in the end credits) sings the song, the shots that followed reminded me the most of one particular song the most. Pippin's in Lord of The Rings as he sings to Denethor while Faramir goes to his death. Given GRRM's love for LOTR lore, I just hope that the next episode is more a Helm's Deep than Battle of Osgiliath. Either way, tears are guaranteed. Brace.

A still from the series